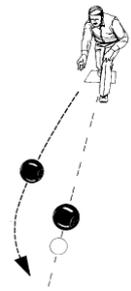


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City of Heidelberg Bowling Club
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Introduction

Happy New Year everyone! Let's hope that the current hiccup of new virus cases is just that, a hiccup, and that 2021 unfolds to be a much better year than last year all round. Our Club's social activities have been slowly re-establishing, with Club Friday leading the way (see below) and if restrictions allow, will continue to expand with the resumption of our monthly dinners in February. Please support these two activities and any other social events that are held. Your support means a lot to those who organise and conduct social events while simultaneously enhancing a positive and engaged Club environment.

Rob Boffey

Reports on Past and Future Social Events

Club Friday

Forty members enjoyed a great night at the club celebrating the Club Friday break up for the year. A fantastic BBQ meal was served by the bar staff, greatly assisted by June and Wendy, with Alan helping to prepare the BBQ.

Fred won the \$70 voucher to be spent at Cester's Meats of Warringal. Door prizes were won by Eric, June and Wendy. Graeme's name came out as the winner of the Member's Draw. But, unfortunately, he wasn't there! Next time the Draw jackpots to an amazing \$390!!! Be at the club for a chance to win when Club Friday resumes on January 8. Rodney won the monthly draw and scored the great prize of 'Better Luck Next Time'. He was given another chance and gained \$10.

The night ended with a fun trivia quiz hosted by Kelly. After the first 2 rounds, Maria's team held a slender lead, but in the final round they were run down by Rob' Haines' team!

The trivia quiz was well received and we are going to have one, with cash prizes, on the last Friday of each month beginning on Friday, January 29.

Hugh Woodburn

Club-sponsored dinner and Presentation Day - Sunday, January 17

The caterer for this event has asked for confirmation of the number of attendees by Sunday, January 10. If you wish to attend and haven't already indicated so on the list in the clubroom or contacted me, you must do one or the other by **6pm Saturday, January 9**. Names cannot be accepted after this cut-off point. Seating is to be a maximum of four people per table. Depending on the number of people allowed inside the clubroom on the day, we may have to spread out more by utilising tables set up on the verandah. If this is the case, please be flexible and understanding.

Rob Boffey

Visit by bowlers from the Barleycorners Club -Thursday, January 28.

This is a great opportunity for all bowlers to obtain some additional match practice, free of the pressure of worrying about the result. This visit is a regular feature of our Club's bowling calendar. It is a light-hearted social bowls event followed by supper. Bowling starts around 7.30pm and goes until about 9pm. Dress is mufti (casual). Cost is \$10 per person. Please help ensure we have a good representation on the night by adding your name to the list in the clubroom.

Rob Boffey

Monthly Dinners

Now that 2021 is here, we are hoping to recommence our popular Monthly Dinners with the first one to be held on Friday, February 5, hosted by the Social Committee. The cost is \$10 per person. If you will be attending, please add your name to the list in the clubroom by 6pm Wednesday, February 3.

To enable this event to continue we are looking for families, groups of friends etc., to form teams to host a dinner over the following months. The choice of menu is yours. It's not as daunting as it looks and can be rewarding and fun. The Social Committee is happy to advise if required. Contact June: 0423 952 024. If interested, please fill in the list on the Notice Board - the choice of month is yours also. Your help will be very much appreciated.

June Norman

Report on Board Business – December 2020 Meeting

The Board met in the clubrooms and administrative matters were dealt with as follows:

- Corner flags on both greens have been replaced.
- A request for a flagpole on the top green for the Club flag was considered and approved. Installation arranged for early January.
- A request to purchase a bowls-cleaning machine was considered and declined.
- The social committee suggested, and the Board agreed, that the first social event for 2021 be lunch on Sunday, January 17. This will be free of charge (apart from drinks) for all members. Starting time to be advised.
- The first Monthly dinner for 2021 will be on Friday, February 5.
- Applications for membership by Donald Staples and John Pacella were received and approved.
- Proposed signage over the new gate was received and approved.

Well done to all our Pennant players for negotiating the complexities of this Corona virus-affected-season. Enjoy the break and return revitalised in the New Year.

Rob Haines Chairman - Board of Management

General Information

We are still required to keep a record of people entering and using the clubroom facilities and bowling facilities. If you come to the Club to practise, depending on the Green you use, please make sure you sign the appropriate list located in the bowls cupboard to indicate the time slot(s) you were present. Please continue to follow the disinfection instructions posted in each cupboard.

Each season during the break in Pennant competition, each Green is brushed with the mechanical brusher. A start was made last week on the top Green, but it needs another session. Because of the combination of the shortened break and forecast wet weather this coming week, brushing of both Greens will not be completed by the time Pennant resumes, but will be completed as soon as possible afterwards. This may mean that on any particular day, the Green on which you want to practise could be closed for brushing.

Members who have played Pennant at other clubs this season have often experienced little or no efforts being made to provide refreshments during either the break on Saturdays or at lunch on Tuesdays. In contrast, our Club has provided refreshments from season's start, which sets us apart from many other clubs. It has happened because someone has shown the interest and willingness to ensure refreshments can be offered in a COVID-safe manner. It is an example of what Carmelo refers to in his message below viz. "... those who work in the background to make our Club the success that it is". There are a number of members doing just that, but in this instance the person in the background is Lesley, who has investigated and provided for each break, a mixture of packaged food items, plus individual serves of coffee, tea and sugar and disposable cups. Thank you Lesley; your efforts - and refreshments - are most appreciated.

Rob Boffey

Bowls-related items

Message from our Coach

Hi all, I hope your New Year has started well and continues that way for the full year. May I start by congratulating everyone on a great start to this season with everyone contributing, from those playing in the Bankers to those playing in each team and to those who work in the background to make our Club the success that it is.

I am currently in Rosebud and enjoying it very much, spending time with family and having plenty of walks and coffee. I plan to be down here for some time, so for at least the next 2 rounds I plan to travel from here to each game till the 15th. This will mean I will not be available for training till Thursday evening, January 21. However, I will be going to the Club for the Dinner and

Presentation event, if it is still going ahead. I guess at this stage we have no idea what Bowls Victoria will announce.

Anyhow, I suggest that where possible, keep up the training regime and follow the training notes I provided at the start of the season.

Catch up soon.

Carmelo Liistro

Championship Matches

Excellent progress is being made in both the Ladies' and Men's knockout rounds with the result that both events are on schedule. Keep it going! It is really important that the ultimate Ladies' and Men's Champion is decided no later than February 7. Many of the matches have seen close results and attracted good support from members, both of which are very encouraging signs for our Club.

Availability for Pennant

With the Christmas/New Year break in Pennant competition, it is easy to overlook some important issues as we look to resume. One such issue is the need to indicate well ahead of time, on the lists in the clubroom, if you are unavailable for particular rounds of Saturday or Tuesday Pennant. Accurate and timely information on availability makes life so much easier for the selectors.

Like a new set of Bowls?

Vic Sist has a new set of *Fusion* brand bowls which he is generously offering, free of charge, to any interested member. The bowls are black in colour, size 4, heavy and non-gripped (no dimples around the circumference). If you would like to have this set of bowls, please contact Rob B. who is acting as the "middle man" for Vic.

Rob Boffey

Light relief

