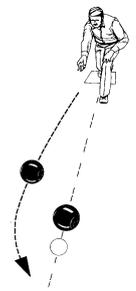


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Reports on Recent and Future Social Events

Club Friday – It’s Getting Bigger and Better!

Around 60 people attended an outstanding event last Friday evening and all enjoyed an exciting evening. The Members’ Draw came out for popular member Stan Tusek, but, unfortunately, he wasn’t there, so the jackpot now stands at an amazing \$470. This draw will take place some time during the evening February 12. There was a second Members’ Draw and the \$50 was won by Rob Haines. Rodney won the \$50 meat raffle. The new monthly ‘Pick A Card’ prize draw came out to my wife, Linda, who chose number 9! My final offer to her was \$25.50 or the card. She chose the card and won a hamburger. When I got home she informed me that she was having her hamburger at Donovan’s!

Special thanks must go to June, Wendy and Sandra for the great work they do in the kitchen. It would be really great if we could get some more volunteers so that we could work a roster system to give people a break. If you are interested please see me.

We served 51 meals last Friday evening and people were still ringing on Friday. This can’t go on so I am imposing a cut off time for all orders at lunchtime the day before.

We are trialling new opening days. If you have an idea as to some things we could try on Friday evenings, please see me about it. Someone has suggested Five Hundred. It was Judy who suggested we have food when Club Friday was started and look at it now!

Hugh Woodburn

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

A great turnup of bowlers, with 29 from each Club, resulted in an enjoyable evening’s bowling on a perfect night. A great supper catered by members of the Social Committee completed the night. Thank you to each of the Club members present on the night. Your support is most appreciated.

Rob Boffey

Monthly Dinners

The first monthly dinner for 2021 is on Friday, February 5.

To assist with catering arrangements, **bookings will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, February 3.**

Sorry, but after this cut off point, no further bookings can be accepted.

June Norman

Sundays at our Club

From February 7, the Club will be opening on Sundays for social gathering and activities. On Sunday, February 7, please join us for afternoon tea from 2 p.m. Scones with jam and cream will be available, as will tea and coffee, and the bar will be open. Feel free to come down, have a roll if you wish and enjoy some afternoon tea and a drink in a friendly setting with your fellow members. All welcome!

Keep an eye on the website and notice board in the clubroom for other activities happening on following Sundays. Any ideas about what you’d like to see or do are more than welcome!

Kelly Sexton

BMX bike showcase

The Club has been hired on Sunday, February 21 for a BMX enthusiasts’ social event. They wish to show and judge their bikes using our car park area. The event will run from 10.00 a.m to 3.00 p.m. Most of the event will take place outside the clubroom and at all times COVID-safe rules will be followed. They will be having raffles, food and some barefoot bowls. We need quite a few people to act as bowls assists to both showcase our Club and to help the bowlers. Please see me if you are able to help out on the day.

Hugh Woodburn

Report on Board Business – January 2021 Meeting

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

- Letter from Kate Thwaites MP has been received regarding possible community grants and the Board is looking into possible seating and shade improvements for the bottom Green.
- The first monthly dinner for 2021 will be on Friday, February 5. Please confirm by Wednesday, February 3 at the latest if you plan to attend.
- Application for membership by Brearne Sutherland was received and approved.
- The Pennant season has resumed after the Christmas break and all teams are competitive. If you are unavailable for a particular match, please make sure you update the Unavailable list in the clubroom.
- Signage over the new gate has been installed.
- Additional flagpole for top Green will be installed on Monday, January 18.

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.

Open forum bowls development meeting

This is a reminder to members of the open forum meeting on Monday, March 1, at 7.30 p.m. in the clubroom to hear and register bowls development ideas. The Bowls Development Committee is keen to hear your ideas so please make every effort to be present.

Arrangement with Red Man Bin Hire

The owner of the Red Man Bins made a proposal to the Board to store his truck and its on-board bins at the Club each night of the week. The proposal is that the truck will be parked each night in the space now occupied by our onsite bin. The latter will be moved back into the trees to free up the space. The Board has agreed to the proposal and terms and conditions are being codified and exchanged between the two parties. In return for being able to store the truck, our Club will no longer pay a monthly bin rental fee or any bin changeover costs for up to 12 bins per year. This will result in a significant annual saving for our Club. It is expected that this arrangement will start this coming week.

Why are there sand bags at the new pedestrian gate?

Our new gate has a significant gap under it through which water would easily flow onto the John May Green. In the past, as a result of severe rainfall events and blocked stormwater pits in Stradbroke Avenue, the bottom Green has been flooded and damaged. With a relatively new Green in place, the aim is to prevent this recurring. Sandbags are in place permanently at the bottom of the right hand gate – looking from the Club out into the street - and along the fence line past the gates. The left hand gate is sand bagged only when the weather forecast or the BOM radar indicates the possibility of a severe rain event. Over time this protective arrangement will be modified with some of the sand-filled bags replaced with bags which are both flat and light weight, but which expand rapidly when contacted by water. These bags have already been purchased.

Bowls-related items

Singles Championship Finals

The Ladies, and Men's Finals will be held simultaneously on the John May Green on Friday, February 5 at 10 a.m. – weather permitting.

Come along and see some good bowling and support Carmel Will, Heather Farmer, Alan Mason and Carmelo Liistro.

Rob Boffey

Message from our Coach

Hi all, I would like to begin with a thank you to all bowlers for putting in a great effort this season as all sides are performing well. I have been hearing a little talk around the Club regarding the differences in importance of what side a bowler is playing in and the difference between playing on Tuesdays or Saturdays.

My thoughts are that every bowler is as important as the next bowler and whether you are in the "top" side or in the Bankers makes no difference to me provided you are learning from your experience, enjoying it, and playing competitively. For me there is no difference between playing on Tuesday or Saturday, I want to be competitive at both whilst enjoying the game and the company of fellow bowlers. I do not take Tuesday as a training day for Saturday, it is just as important to be prepared to play my best anytime I play.

Regarding training/coaching, I will be available on Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to around midday for anyone who would like some coaching. Thursday evening training will continue as normal. I have also arranged with East Ivanhoe to train on their Greens on Thursday evening, February 11, so that we can have some experience practising on grass. I will be asking their Greenkeeper to either leave the grass a little higher than normal or to give it a good soaking beforehand so we can practise on a slower Green. I therefore would like to see as many bowlers as possible attend this session. This will be good for both the rest of the season and hopefully for the finals.

Carmelo Liistro

Light relief

