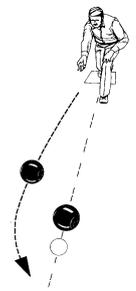


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**Reports on Recent and Future Social Events**

**Club Friday**

The last Friday of March saw another great trivia night at the club. Kelly does an amazing job organising these nights, entry is free and the prize money is great! The next trivia night will be on Friday, April 30 - more information to follow. We do, however, need more volunteers to help clean up as this is now being left to only a few.

The kitchen staff started meal preparation at 2.00PM last Friday and worked solidly right through. The first job was to clean and disinfect the kitchen thoroughly before any food preparation could commence. This is also the last job to be done. The clubroom and toilets also have to be COVID-cleaned before and after the night. We need more people to help with cleaning the dirty dishes. A simple thing to do would be that each table scrape and stack their dishes and take them down to the kitchen! It would be great if everyone could take a turn in washing up.

There were prizes to be won and Kerry Haines' name came out for the members' draw, and, for the first time in a long time, she wasn't there! The members' draw now jackpots to \$70! Joan Braden won the meat tray. Hugh's hamburger has now been put to bed, with Helen Steel winning the \$50 Donovan's voucher, Annie Rowe winning the \$30 Café Matto voucher and Paul Smith winning the Club Friday hamburger. No! I have not taken Linda to Donovan's, but I did take her to Diamond Restaurant for a great meal! Must support local traders during COVID. Bill Keenan won the free monthly raffle and was offered \$25 which he took. His prize would have been a bottle of Shiraz! As yet, none of the money prizes have been won!

Club Friday begins again on April 9, when stir-fried chicken and rice will be served at the low cost of \$5! There will be no hamburgers

Hugh Woodburn

**Monthly Dinners**

There will not be a monthly dinner on Friday, May 7. The Board decided at its April meeting that the 2020-21 season Presentation night would be held on Saturday evening, May 22. As this will be a catered event at a cost of \$10 per person, this dinner will replace the May Club dinner.

June Norman and Rob Boffey

**Report on Board Business – March 2021 Meeting**

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

- Email has been sent to Banyule Council re the pedestrian crossing and the response advised it is in current Capital Works program and should be completed by the end of June.
- A number of issues that required Board attention were raised at the Bowls Development meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>: kitchen refrigerator – June Norman, Hugh Woodburn and another member are to investigate the needs and report back to the next meeting; replacement of BBQ - John Starmans to investigate cost of suitable 6-8 burner BBQ; refurbishment of the club floor – this has been an issue for some time, Secretary to organise a company to inspect the main floor and the floor of the bar, and provide a replacement quote if needed.
- Austin Health has set up “1000 minute challenge” and encouraged members to join up a team and invite friends and family to sponsor them.
- Three applications for membership were received and approved
- Rob Boffey raised a concern about the impact the proposed Warringal Hospital development may have upon our top Green, particularly the effect of any additional shading,

which, during winter, could increase the likelihood of the growth and spread of algae and moss in both the synthetic surface and on the concrete surrounds. Although the Board felt little could be done, it was decided Rob should write to both the City of Banyule and Warringal Hospital outlining our concerns.

- An excellent Pennant season has concluded (see David Crisp's report) and the Men's and Ladies' Pairs have been very well supported. The Presentation Night marking the end of the season will be on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> (more details to follow).

Rob Haines, Chairman Board of Management

## **Bowls-related information**

### **Update from the Match Committee**

Congratulations to all bowlers who were able to play Pennant this season. The 2020/21 Pennant season was very successful for our Club, firstly in being able to field 3 teams in the Tuesday and Saturday Pennant competitions then following up with both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> sides making their way through to the semi-finals of the two competitions. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> sides on Saturday also won their way through to the Section finals with both going down narrowly at the end of the day. The 3<sup>rd</sup> sides were very competitive throughout the season and were supported by a strong Bankers contingent, all of which places us in a favourable position to field expanded sides next season.

Our Singles Club championships have been completed and congratulations go to Single Champions, Carmel Will and Alan Mason, and runners-up, Heather Farmer and Carmelo Liistro. Many of the matches, including the finals, were watched by a good number of spectators. The Pairs championships are progressing well and will be completed during April. Keep an eye out for the date of the final matches, as the intention is to hold both the Ladies' and Men's finals at the same time so spectators can attend and watch both matches.

There will be an end-of-season Pennant review meeting on Saturday, April 10, with input being provided by our Coach, Selectors, bowlers who skipped regularly and the Match Committee. This will assist in determining the approach for assessing performance and selection of teams for the next Pennant season. Approaches to coaching, and strategy for the winter season, will also be discussed.

David Crisp

### **Message from our Coach**

Hi, to all bowlers.

Well, we have come to the end of another season and there is much to be thankful for. 4 out of 6 sides made Finals, 10 new bowlers gave Pennant a go for the first time, and more bowlers turned up for Thursday evening training than I've seen in my time at the Club. Also, we have progressed greatly in terms of our social activities at the Club and believe that the atmosphere is the best it has been for a long time.

For all these things there would be far too many to thank for their efforts, but I for one, am most thankful for the work that many have put in throughout all aspects of the Club, including those who maintained Greens, maintained the surrounds, those who assisted with all new bowlers (including those from U3A), those involved in the organisation of the social activities, helped in the bar, helped with the tea-time breaks, set up before the games, packed up after the games and the various committees at the Club. Everyone has done an incredible job under difficult circumstances, including the Selectors who have the most difficult job in the Club, and finally, all who assisted me in my job as coach. I hope I haven't missed anyone because it has been a great Club effort.

I look forward to the future with hope and belief that we have provided a foundation for improvement in the coming seasons. On that note, I would like to explain what I plan to do over the off-season.

I will be taking training on Tuesdays at 10am and this training will take the form of some skills work and the development of each bowler who attends. In particular, I want to work on bowlers'

confidence in being bowlers and to teach each bowler about playing in positions they don't normally play, providing all with some experiences prior to the next season starting.

To achieve this, we will play some games on the Tuesday selecting bowlers in positions they may not be used to, while I am there to provide some experience. So, I encourage everyone who can come on Tuesdays to do so. If you are unable to come, I want to work with you at a time that suits each of us, (maybe Saturday mornings), so please let me know you are interested, and we can arrange times.

Once again, thanks to each of you and I look forward to seeing you at the Club soon.

Carmelo Liistro

### **Monday Afternoon Social Bowls**

This event is being re-started having been in abeyance for sometime. The first day of competition has been set tentatively for Monday, April 19. Final details are being collated and will be shared in the near future.

Elsbeth Orchard

### **Thursday Winter Bowls**

Thursday Winter Bowls is back! The program starts on May 6. There are prizes; \$32 for the winners, \$25 for second and \$16 for best game. Green fees are only \$5. The format is nominated pairs using three bowls each. Each pair stays together for the duration of the season, which is until the end of August. The game starts at 12.30pm and finishes around 4pm. We play two games of 11 ends.

Unfortunately, there are conditions. A player in a top side can only partner with a player in the lower division. A player in the second and third sides can play with anyone. People new to bowls can play too. Players are restricted to those from CoHBC due to possible COVID restrictions being instituted at any time. Emergencies are very welcome. They keep the competition humming when regular players have a medical appointment or are unavailable. The organiser is Rod Snibson, Master of Ceremonies is Carmelo and Ian collects the fees. Interested players are invited to put their names down on a list in the rooms.

### **Saturday Social Bowls...**

started on April 2 and saw 21 players in attendance. Come along and join in. Details in the recently distributed email to Full and Restricted members and also on the Club's website.

### **Looking for Direction?**

This is a reminder for bowlers using the top Green: from Sunday to Wednesday, bowlers play in the East-West direction and from Thursday to Saturday, bowlers play in the North-South direction. This requirement is to ensure even wear on the top Green.

Rodney Snibson

### **Something different**

For a glimpse into the future provision of life-saving devices, take a few minutes to watch this video. It shows an ambulance drone fitted with an automated defibrillator whose use could dramatically increase the survival rate for heart attack victims.

<https://www.tudelft.nl/io/onderzoek/research-labs/applied-labs/ambulance-drone>

Rob Boffey