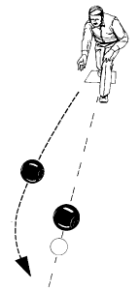


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Periodic Newsletter
City of Heidelberg Bowling Club
March 2021



Reports on Recent and Future Social Events
Functions at Our Club

A good way to advertise our Club is by hiring out our clubroom for functions including Barefoot Bowls. Before we register a function, we interview the hirer and list the conditions of hire including behaviour of all guests. Possibly the biggest problem I face is getting enough members to act as bowls assist. Barefoot Bowling is one of the main reasons that groups want to hire our venue. I will be putting up a list on the notice board for members to put their name down to volunteer as bowls assist.

We do not hire the club out on Friday evenings, as this would interfere with Club Friday.



Last Sunday we had one of the biggest functions. A BMX Social was held during the day with close to 100 people in attendance. As the event was held on the parking lot of the Club, it was Covid-safe and well within the rules. People came from far and wide and began arriving in Stradbroke

Avenue at 8.00am. When I arrived at 9.00AM there were at least 40 people waiting for the gates to open, which they did at 10.00am!

The day was fantastically organised with some 200 bikes on display. Their total value was just over \$1,000,000 with several of the bikes worth \$40,000. It was probably one of the best functions the Club has held. The BMX people raised \$3,500 on the day for Beyond Blue. Many thanks to all the Club members who assisted on the day.

Club Friday

Next Friday (March 12) sees the Members' Draw at \$510! Remember, you must be at the Club and have had a drink from the bar to win the Draw. The Draw can happen at any time from 4.00pm onwards. No point in asking when the Draw is going to take place. Also, we will be drawing the February free monthly Draw that did not take place at the end of February. Remember, Linda won a hamburger and I can tell you that Donovan's of St Kilda do NOT sell hamburgers. Watch out for Hugh's Hamburger that will begin on March 26. It would be great if some of the members present would volunteer to help in the kitchen after eating. We can have 3 or 4 people doing this.

The Trivia Night will also be on March 26. It is free to enter, prize money coming from the meat raffle. There is now a second and third prize of bottles of wine. Kelly does an amazing job and keeps everyone on the go! To enter for this event and order your food please ring June on 0423 952 024 on Wednesday, March 24.

Hugh Woodburn

Monthly Dinners

Around 40 members attended the first of these for 2021 on March 5. Catered for by members of the Social Committee with assistance from others, attendees enjoyed a wonderful meal and the company of fellow members.

The April dinner is scheduled for April 2; this is Good Friday as well as the beginning of the Easter break so this dinner event has been cancelled. The next monthly dinner will be Friday, May 7.

There are still a number of months without any hosts. Please join with up with a few fellow members and host one of the future monthly dinners. There is a list on the noticeboard where you can choose the month you want and add your name(s) accordingly.

June Norman and Rob Boffey

1000Minute Challenge

The evening of February 27 saw Rochelle from Austin Health give a brief presentation of this event to members. It will run throughout March. Its objective is to encourage increased physical exercise in individuals while simultaneously raising funds for medical equipment. The Club has formed a team called "Bowling for Life" which individuals can nominate when they login to the 1000 Minute Challenge website. On the night, about 20 members indicated they would be interested in participating in the challenge. To date, only three members have registered on the website. Could the others, please register as soon as possible.

John Starmans

Report on Board Business – February 2021 Meeting

A Board meeting was not held during February. Individual Board members had other commitments at various times throughout the month and as it was proving difficult to arrange an agreed date and there being no pressing issues, February's meeting was cancelled. The Board will next meet on Wednesday, March 10.

General Information

Report on the Bowls Development Committee's Open Forum meeting.

This meeting took place last Monday with 31 members in attendance. It was run by President David Crisp.

On behalf of the Bowls Development Committee, thank you for your attendance and contributions to the Bowls Development forum which was held at the clubroom on March, 1 2021. The following

ideas were put forward by members and I have attempted to categorise them into logical groups for follow up with the Board of Management, Match Committee and Bowls Development Committee.

Board of Management

Idea	Follow up action
Roof over John May Green	High-level quote of \$850k provided to John Starmans. Board to consider whether this is a priority for the short/medium/long term and report back at AGM.
Bus/Transport for Pennant teams playing away	Suggestion from forum included being able to attract sponsorship, advertising on bus, and option of a novated lease. Board to consider whether this is a priority for the short/medium/long term and report back at AGM.
Bar renovation	Board to consider whether this is a priority for the short/medium/long term and report back at AGM.
Floor replacement	Inspection by flooring specialist who can provide options and then go to quote. Board to consider whether this is a priority for the short/medium/long term and report back at AGM.
Traffic flows around the club	Purpose of this suggestion was to ensure any modifications to the clubroom considered traffic flow.
Larger fridge required to store food for social events	For consideration at next Board meeting.
Side seating for spectators	For consideration at next Board meeting.
Relocation of main door	Board to consider whether this is a priority for the short/medium/long term and report back at AGM.
New barbecue	For consideration at next Board meeting.
Development of an outside social area	Board to consider whether this is a priority for the short/medium/long term and report back at AGM.

Match Committee

Idea	Follow up action
Pennant raffles	To be considered by Match Committee for next season.
Increase social bowls events in the off season such as a Tuesday handicap, others	To be considered by Match Committee at next meeting for post pennant.

Bowls Development Committee

Idea	Follow up action
Purchase extra sets of bowls for external events such as school functions	Brian James to undertake an inventory of current sets of bowls held at the Club and update Bowls Development committee at next meeting with a view to request funds from the Board of Management.
Use of Facebook, Instagram, etc. for Club promotion of events	David Crisp to discuss options with Craig Wilson and report back to Bowls Development Committee
Letterbox drop	To be discussed at next Bowls Development Committee meeting.
External/Internal events to promote the Club such as a trivia night for non-members and members	To be discussed at next Bowls Development Committee meeting.
School events	Increase the number of school events at the Club. To be discussed at next Bowls Development Committee meeting.
Get kids active program	John Starmans to provide detail to Bowls Development Committee and will be discussed at next Committee meeting.
Parent night/afternoon	Refer previous 2 ideas
Appointment of Members Liaison Officer to provide support to new members	To be discussed at next Bowls Development Committee meeting.

Appointment of Membership Officer and sponsorship office	To be discussed at next Bowls Development Committee meeting with a view to make recommendation to Board of Management
Follow up on new members	To be discussed at next Bowls Development Committee meeting.
Garden/Plant sale	To be discussed at next Bowls Development Committee meeting.
Committees roles within the club	Look at an improved way of communicating who does what at the Club. To be discussed at next meeting.

David Crisp



Rodney Snibson

Bowls-related items

Forthcoming Student Visits

Grade 6 students from Heidelberg Primary School will be bowling on Fridays from 12 -1.30 pm in term 2 on the John May Green. The dates are April 23 and 30; May 7,14, 21, 28 and June 4 and 11. Rinks 3, 4 and 5 will be used, leaving the other two rinks still available for members.

Brian James

Club Bowls

A number of sets of Club bowls – Identified by **City of Heidelberg** stamped on them - are missing. If you have any such bowls at your home or stored elsewhere, please return them to the Club. New members playing Pennant can use Club bowls for half a season before having to buy their own set, but the Club's bowls should always be left at the Club after games, as they are needed for other bowls events.

Club Pairs competition

The Draw for Ladies' and Men's Pairs has been circulated and posted on the Club's noticeboard. If you are playing, please take note of the cutoff dates for completing each round.

Rob Boffey