THE BARKING DOG

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MEN'S PRESIDENTS REPORT

On behalf of the men's committee I would like to thank all members who contributed to the smooth running of the club over the last 12 months
One behalf of the committee I would like to thank John Leonard who has resigned from the committee due to work commitments and Peter Rawlingson after six years as secretary. I would also like to thank him for his support over the last two years.
Thanks to the match committee for their efforts over the 2010/2011 season. It was a difficult year with all the washouts and shortage of players
Two sides made the finals this season, the third side has been promoted to Division3 and the fifth side to Division 4
Thanks to the tournament committee for their efforts with only two greens
Congratulations to Neville Roper our new club champion and to Sylvester Liem the runner up.
Congratulations to all our other champions as well
Thanks to Dave Hillard and Cary Rudd for running the Night Pennant this season
People are still talking about the end of season spit roast
Thanks to Joe Belli and John Taylor for running & managing the social bowls and to their assistants as well. We had big numbers for the days we could play and attracted quite a few members from other clubs. Thursday Triples also had steady numbers. Super Wednesdays were very successful and had the best numbers. I have spoken to John and we may have two per month next season
Joe Belli is retiring from managing social bowls and night pennant and we are indebted to him for the great effort he has put in over a number of years. He is a great club member. (I hope the soup continues over winter - Ed)
Thanks to the Monday morning crew for all their efforts and to Trevor Ford for helping me with the shelters
Thanks as well to the Greens Committee for all their efforts. They did a great job. The new Tift Dwarf is coming along well and will be an asset to the club.
Thanks to Ray Schaffert and Tony McDonald for all their hard work with sponsorship
The Social Committee has organized several successful functions this year. Thanks for your efforts
I thank all the Bar Staff for their contributions this year. There is always a need for more helpers so please contact Bill McMahon if you can help
The Coaches have been busy this year and promise to be busier in the next few months with some special programs
Those who participated in the pre season drill appreciated the efforts of Brian McIntyre, Calvin Connell and Frank Hargreaves. Thanks to you all.
Thanks to Marion Byrne for her help with the school children
Thanks to all who worked in the kitchen. The Ladies, Joe Belli and the Bistro team and Alan Dans for his fine meals
Thanks to the New Members Committee for their efforts particularly The Corporate Challenge and Try Bowls Day
And finally thanks to Lindon Cooper for his work on Volunteers Day and Colin Huggins for his efforts with the media

LADY PRESIDENTS REPORT

Not much to talk about, the season is over, I am looking forward to a break, catch up with my 6 Grandchildren and kids, going to be doing coffees and luncheons with my sister in laws and friends. I would like to say a big thank you for the great day we all had on Ladies Appreciation day, everybody seemed to enjoy themselves, so thank you to the men who looked after us. Volunteer's day went off well also, thanks to Allan Dans for cooking our BBQ and all the helpers. It was great to see everybody enjoying themselves. Presentation night was a great night, thank you to Tournament, and Dave and Pam Hillard, the meal was fantastic, and the night was a great success, I think everybody did well to pull this off, especially with the limited space we had, congratulations to all those who won events. To those coming off Committees thank you for all your help, and to those coming on, thank you to you also, look forward to working with you. It sounds like it won't be too long until we have our Club up and running again, I think you have done a marvellous job in running the Mini Bar, and letting us have some functions, look forward to when things are back to normal. Don't forget our Biggest Morning Tea, is on May the 25th, it was great to see so many men attending last year, look forward to seeing you all again. Jim Cantwell is kind enough to come along and entertain us again this year and of course not forgetting our great Morning Tea. Maybe not so grand this year, because of access to kitchen, but I am sure you will enjoy it anyway. To those going away Travel safe, to those staying home, enjoy the break, and keep good health.

Dr ZHIVAGO

Could all those who put their names down for Dr Zhivago please pay Lorraine as soon as possible especially if you are heading off on holiday somewhere after the Pennant season has finished.

UMPIRES CORNER

Q1	**A player stands on the mat with the toes of both feet beyond the front of the mat and delivers his bowl. Is he foot faulting?**
Q2	**The first end in a game is tied. Skip A says they are going to play the first end again and wants to toss for the mat. Skip B disagrees, and calls an umpire. Who is correct?**
Q3	**A player attempts to determine the shot by placing his foot between the jack and the bowls in question before his skip delivers his bowl. His opponent objects. What is the position?**
Q4	**A delivered bowl comes to rest on the green, but resting also on a jack which is in the ditch. Is this bowl marked as a toucher?**
Q5	**Players are changing over during a team game and a small child runs onto the rink and picks up the jack. What action must be taken and by whom?**
A1	**Yes. Before delivery one foot must be fully on the mat (Law 20.1).**
A2	**Skip B. The end is a completed end (Law 41.2, Law 41.4).**
A3	**This is a premature measuring, not allowed (Law 40.3).**
A4	**No, as the jack is already in the ditch (Law 24.3)**
A5	**The jack should be replaced in its former position. Should the skips not agree on the position of the jack, the end is declared dead (Law 33.3.3).**

NIGHT PENNANT

The Night Pennant competition has now finished with a great spit roast at the club thanks to Dave and Pam Hillard and helpers on Wed March 2nd. There were two sides this year with neither making the finals. The top team however finished second after a close last game against Mitcham who won our section A special thanks to Dave Hillard for running the teams throughout the year and organizing the break up. Thanks to Joe Belli for filling in while Dave was away

CORPORATE CHALLENGE

The Mooroolbark Corporate Challenge was held again over three consecutive Wednesdays during February.
There were 28 teams that entered and each team played 2 six end matches in two sections on the first two nights. The winners of each section played a final on the third night
Due to the heavy rain on the last night the final was an indoor event and this created a great atmosphere as the rest of the teams sat as spectators around the indoor mat
The winner of the play off was Icon-Septech A. Congratulations to all who participated
After the final, finger food was provided and a range of prizes were presented
Many of the teams have participated over a number of years and the Challenge has introduced many people to the game of bowls. A number of participants who have expressed an interest in pursuing the game further in the future are potential new members of the club.
A large number of members (approximately 40) assisted in the planning and running of the event and without them this event would not run.
The New Members Committee appreciates what they have done and sincerely thanks them for their time and effort

SCHAFFERT SCORES AGAIN

Ray Schaffert the current club wrong bias champion scored another victory on Friday night winning the members draw and $800 in front of a huge crowd of other hopefuls. The Friday members draw has been a great success and will continue during winter along with a footy tipping competition. Please see the notice board and / or Trevor Gardoll for details.

Ray receiving his winnings from Club CEO Trevor Gardoll

MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Saturday Pennant

The 2010-2011 Pennant Season will see the continuation of the Match Committee's commitment to our 4 year plan of the transitional rebuilding of the top side.
We acknowledge that we have a number of ageing "stars" and it's fair to say their best bowls may be behind them, and we can no longer depend on them to perform at their best week in and week out at the very competitive highest level during a long pennant season.
It is vital for the club's long term successful future that we identify those bowlers who can take the next step and more importantly provide those bowlers with the specific coaching and training drills required to improve their game, enabling them to take that next step with confidence.
Our coaching staff has been proactive and has put together a comprehensive training package which will be implemented to provide bowlers with the opportunity to take their game to the next level.
We will continue Brian's very interesting, worthwhile and successful Sunday Morning coaching sessions, which we believe can be supplemented with a number of additional drills as outlined in the very excellent new ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK.
These include: **Activities for Shot Development**
Multiple Shot Skills Tests
Games for Shot Development
An integral part of practice and training is to involve participants in activities which provide a hands-on learning environment – simulating all or a portion of the total game environment.
We have also purchased a number of training videos featuring Karen Murphy and Cameron Curtis, which are excellent and we plan to run at least one viewing session for interested bowlers.
Congratulations to our third (3rd) side on being promoted to Division 3. It was an excellent effort by the group.
Congratulations on promotion to 4th Division to one of our 5th Div. sides, very well done, however, we would like to advise that there will be an overflow of bowlers who can't be fitted into sides one, two and three and there will be some bowlers who were in the unsuccessful other fifth division side who will be making strong claims for selection in the fourth side.

DON'T REST ON YOUR LAURELS
SELECTIONS WON'T BE AUTOMATIC
DON'T RELY ON WEDNESDAY SOCIAL BOWLS

If you are serious about playing in the fourth side, come and see the match committee and or coaches. We will be only too happy to provide you with some specific drills and activities that will help improve your game.
The unsightly and space consuming blue unavailability list will be scrapped. This will be replaced with a folder (already hanging up) featuring each month and weeks within a month where bowlers can enter their unavailability.

IT IS EACH BOWLERS RESPONSIBILITY TO ENTER HIS/HER NAME FOR WHICHEVER WEEK/S THEY ARE UNAVAILABLE.

This year we had examples of: "I told a selector on Saturday night after pennant", and "I mentioned it to a selector at Wednesday Bowls".

NOT ACCEPTABLE! NOT GOOD ENOUGH!

YOU the bowler must enter your name in the UNAVAILIBILITY FOLDER.

We advise ALL MEMBERS, if your name is not in the folder YOU WILL BE SELECTED.
Finally, it's no secret the selectors were very disappointed with the high rate of unavailable bowlers each week and the ensuing problems this created for team and rink continuity
Please give serious thought about your commitment to pennant before you enter your name on the available list.
We would rather have FIVE teams of committed pennant bowlers than seven teams and go through the hassles we had this year.

Tuesday Pennant

The Pennant season is over for another year and unfortunately we did not have any teams in the finals. The results were as follows;
No 1 side finished fourth
No 2 side finished fifth Well done Girls
No 3 side finished eighth
No 4 side finished eighth
No 5 side finished eighth

Our number 2 side did very well as they came up against quite a few men (as did most of us)
They were also the side who had the least number of players unavailable (only one lady not available for the whole season). Thank you to Ken Reid who formed part of the team
We have not been informed of any changes as to what the format will be next season. Who knows – anything could happen
As I am not standing for the Match Committee I would like to thank Denise, Jenny, June and Pat for all your help for the past four years and wish the new Committee all the best and good luck for next season I did enjoy my time on the Committee and hope I contributed something to the club
To Joy and Roy Thompson we wish them all the best with their move
Joy helped many of our players as a coach and will be greatly missed
We also hope her treatment goes well for her and she will soon be able to bowl, fish and bingo again. Good luck to them both
I would like to thank all the men who filled in for us during the year and also thank those men who regularly cleaned up after us on a Tuesday during the season
For those of you who are going away do enjoy the break and travel safely and come back refreshed
Kay Rawlingson
Match Committee