



THE BARKING DOG

The official newsletter of Mooroolbark Bowls Club Inc

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MEN'S PRESIDENTS REPORT

A number of new projects are progressing well around the club as the year comes to an end.

The second green is about to be ripped up and sown to tiffwarf.

To prepare for this there will be a large working bee Monday Dec 20 at 9.00am to remove the sand from the ditches in rinks 1 and 2. A lot of help is required so the more people the better. Please bring a narrow shovel if you have one. If you can only do light work there are other light tasks that need to be done as well. Thanks for your co-operation

The new school's bowls program is progressing well

Barefoot bowls has now moved to Sunday from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. Hopefully the weather will be kind

There will be a Super Wednesday and a Thursday Triples in January please sign up as usual.

Finally a big thanks to all those members who have volunteered their time and effort for the club this year and a Merry Christmas and safe new year to all.

Ray Morse

LADY PRESIDENTS REPORT

Gala Day was a great success, with thanks to all who donated, worked on stalls, and the ladies in the kitchen, due to the greens being closed, it ended up being a Bingo and Card game day; everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We raised just under \$1,400.00. Well done to everyone.

Our end of year Christmas luncheon at the Dorset Gardens, was a great day, many thanks to June Simmons, and our club photographer Vivienne. We had a special guest drop by, SANTA; if he had not spoken, we wouldn't have known who it was, but alas, he had to open his mouth. The ladies had a great time with Santa, having their photo's taken on Santa's knee, I think Santa had the best time, he was caught not letting some of the ladies get off his knee, naughty Santa, but a big thank you to Tony, won't mention any last names?

Good bowling to all the ladies, who still have tournaments to complete.

I would like to say a big Thank you, to everyone who has supported and helped me in 2010. I look forward to my last term in 2011.

A very Merry Christmas, and Happy, Healthy, New Year to you all, take care over the holidays, enjoy the break, and I look forward to our Pennant games beginning, in 2011.

Julie Hin.

UMPIRES CORNER

The laws have changed

Australian implementation date: **JANUARY 1, 2011**

Bowlers are reminded that the Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Second Edition will be introduced on 1st January 2011.

Among those Laws which will most affect Australian Bowlers include:

The introduction of a domestic regulation which will allow Australia to approve the minimum distance a jack can be rolled from 23 to 21 metres

The winner of a previous end will no longer have the choice to give the mat away but will be compelled to take it

A skip's duties will now include marking the scorecard across all formats (pairs, triples and fours). This duty cannot be delegated as per Law 37.1.9

The reference system used to outline the Laws will be improved from dot point to decimal

The press release from Bowls Australia on the changes to the Laws is on their website at:

http://www.bowlsaustralia.com.au/fileadmin/user_upload/bowls_au/Club_assist/Laws_of_the_game/1363_Laws_Changes_Advert.pdf

Reference to the forthcoming change to the Laws is also contained in Bowls Victoria Bulletin No. 13 issued on Friday, 5 November.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ray Schaffert who won the trophy for the most wrong bias bowls in a season. The trophy was presented by last year's winner Rex Menser. Ray's colorful acceptance speech must have been an inspiration as a record number of wrong bias bowls were put down after afternoon tea. Ray keen to keep the trophy contributed to the total



Some tips for aspiring recipients

Talk a lot when bowling

Put your stickers on the wrong side of the bowl

COACHING REPORT

Playing Lawn Bowls is a relatively simple game made difficult with excuses as to why we played poorly.

From a coach's viewpoint it is very frustrating to have had a session with a player only to see that they have adopted a different routine from that coached. On investigation it seems that the player in between coaching times has had 'helpful' advice from a non coach on how they play.

We are all different and what is right for one may very well be incorrect for another. Whilst Bowls Victoria lay down recommendations as to the correct technique, it does not specifically describe all the differences from one player to another. We have our own almost unique set of circumstances that set each of us apart from each other. After all if we were all identical then all the men would be SUPERMAN and the Ladies would be LOIS LANE. We are all different shapes and sizes not to mention the different health circumstances, the different reasons why we play etc, etc.

So please leave those who have placed themselves in the hands of an accredited coach alone and let the coach do what is right for that player rather than offering what you do personally because it simply may not fit that listener.

Thank you for your good intentions but leave the coaching to the coaches - please.

Coaching Articles

I have been requested to provide articles for the newsletter and to keep them to a paragraph or two. However, I find it difficult to keep them short and retain meaning! The Web-site has little restriction as far as length is concerned so I will use the newsletter to outline what has been placed in the web-site.

To date the articles in the web-site are:-

Wide v Narrow Play

Strategy and Tactics - The 1.87 Check point

Does the Club really want to earn promotion(s)

How to beat your opponent

Compatibility

Concentration - On What ?

Pennant Play - The Premiership Points

Reasons for Playing Lawn Bowls

Reasons for playing Poorly.

I intend to add to this list with one or two articles each week until I run out.

The articles have been written in what I term 'conversational' English so I apologize in advance as to the grammatical correctness or otherwise as you find those articles. Also as already stated there are many ways to look at things within the game so some of the articles are expressed outlining the logic of different point-of-views on the one subject.

It is up to you to determine which of the various outlines best suit your style of play and understanding, in any case I welcome some feedback as to the value that you find them.

Brian McIntyre

HARD LUCK STORY

A well known selector had a nasty fall off his ladder but has recovered quickly. Unfortunately he was unable to attend the Friday night draw and missed out on the jackpot when his number was drawn. If you're not there you'll miss out on an even bigger one - \$300 next week

FOR SALE NOTICES

If club members wish to advertise items for sale in The Barking Dog please email Jim Cantwell averil@houseofwack.com or give him the advertisement.

Please keep the ad to two or three lines.

The deadline for all submissions is the third Wednesday of the month

The ad will run for one month only.

FACEBOOK USERS

Those members who use Facebook may be interested in knowing there is a group page under "Mooroolbark Bowls Club Inc".

The link is: <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/group.php?gid=266164996755>

The logo for Hocking Stuart is a dark red, rounded rectangular shape with a white border. Inside the shape, the words "hockingstuart" are written in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font.

FROM OUR SPONSOR

Some advice from one of our major sponsors **Hocking Stuart** about real estate matters

Market Update

The 2010 financial year was a good one for property owners particularly in Melbourne. House prices grew from 16% to 28% and units from 10% to 17%

Most property gurus predict a quieter 2011 although loans to investors are on the rise Annual growth should settle in the 8% to 10% range and the top end of the market may under perform after last years surge. With higher interest rates and slowing first home buyer demand average price increases are expected to be under 10% for the next three years

Improvements on a Budget

There are some cheap and easy improvements you can make to your house to increase your chances of making the greatest return on your property

Does your property have indoor/ outdoor flow?

The addition of a sliding door to a pleasant outdoor area is a relatively cheap method of adding value

Remove trees or cut back trees to increase natural sunlight making the property feel open and airy

Consider updating light fittings; a relatively cheap method of modernization

Re stain your decks – this instantly refreshes the area and tidies the overall appearance of the property

If there are no decks check how expensive it would be to add extra living space

Replace the shower or update tap ware as any sign of mould or dirty showers can have prospective buyers running from the property

Think carefully before taking on all your renovations yourself. Often it is cheaper and less stressful to call in the experts. A DIY attitude can often be more of a hindrance