



THE BARKING DOG

The official newsletter of Mooroolbark Bowls Club Inc

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MEN'S PRESIDENTS REPORT

There is no report from our illustrious President this month as he is on holidays. I am sure there will be a lot of photos next month

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LADY PRESIDENTS REPORT

Well another year has begun. Happy New Year to you all, hope you had a good Christmas and New Year. Our Christmas dinner was a great night, plenty of laughing and dancing, that's what I like to see. The Christmas Hamper raffles were drawn, and congratulations to all the winners. A very big thank you to you all for your \$2.00 donation towards the buying of the Hampers. With the money we raised we were able to purchase 8 Hampers. Thank you also for selling and buying the tickets, a special thank you to Earle Clark for selling so many tickets, he was pleased 3 of his people won Hampers.

Congratulations to Joy Thompson who won the Club Championship. Joy defeated Jenny Lewis, well done to Jenny. Congratulations also to Kay Rawlison, who won the 100 up. Kay defeated Jo Nyhuis, well done to Jo. Thank you to Sue Connell who did the catering for the ladies, it was appreciated. All Nations day, was another successful day, a big Thank you, to our Cook, Allan Dans, and all the ladies who worked in the kitchen. Please come along on the 27th February, to support Jenny Lewis who is playing in the State Novice Finals, to be held at Berwick, we wish Jenny good bowling. I wish you Good Health and Great Bowling for 2011.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Trivia night is on February 19, starting at 8pm.

Bistro at 6.30pm. Eat first and stay for Trivia night.

The cost is \$10 a head with tables of 8-10.

Prizes and raffles on night.

Ask family and friends to come and be a part of a great night.

Regards

Robert Telling

UMPIRES CORNER

The skips change over to play their bowls in the fifteenth end of a club championship match.

Skip A stands on the mat and asks his third to show him the shot, which the third does. Skip A said he couldn't see the shot from where he stood, so he moved sideways to a position of one metre to the left, said he could see the shot, and played his bowl from where he stood, and achieved the desired result.

Skip B called the umpire, explained what had happened, and asked for a ruling on the situation.

What would your decision be if you were the umpire of the day?

Would you warn the offending player for foot faulting, and leave the end as so disturbed?

Or, as the bowl had been improperly delivered (i.e. from an incorrect stance, see law 20.1) would you declare the bowl "dead"? And in so doing, say that the head had been disturbed by a neutral object? And have the head replaced to its former position, and if agreement cannot be reached, replay the head? (See displacement laws).

Would you apply Law 54, "Deliberate non-sporting action", or perhaps Law 61, "Contracting out of the laws of the sport of bowls"?

Prior to the introduction of the Crystal Mark Edition, there were penalties that could be applied to this situation, in particular the awarding of the maximum number of shots against for deliberately attempting to gain an unfair advantage.

The only reference to a maximum number of shots penalty is in Domestic Regulation 14, "Delaying Play", and so is not applicable in this case.

Could you charge Skip A with bringing the game into disrepute, with poor sportsmanship? Interesting, isn't it?

Basically, the best answer is to use the foreword in our law book, which states that any situation not covered by these laws, umpires should use their common sense and spirit of fair play to decide the appropriate course of action.

This means that as a deliberate breach of the laws has occurred, the bowl would be declared dead, and removed, and the opponent replace the head.

THE BISTRO

The last Bistro for this season will be on Feb 19th before the Trivia Night and we could still use more helpers. Please sign up on the notice board inside the front door.

Thanks to all those who have helped out over the season. It has been greatly appreciated but it is unfortunate however that it has been the same regular few.

Joe Belli

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Tournaments and Championship Results

Congratulations on Joy Thompson and Neville Roper on winning the Womens and Mens Singles Championships.

Congratulations to Jenny Lewis and Sylvester Liem for making the finals of the Championships. A great effort from both players & I am sure their time will come

Thanks to all those members who gave up their time to act as markers during the event

The winners of other championships that have concluded are as follows;

Triples John Byrne Paul Byrne and Kane Murray

100 up Kay Rawlingson

There will be more announcements of winners as Championships conclude

Well done to the Team of Tony Hawley. Peter Laird, Jerome Shaw and Mary Warr on winning the All Nations especially Mary who will be the first woman to have her name on the All Nations Honor Board which is on the wall in the Bar area. Tony was also part of the team of Peter Rawlingson John Leonard and Ross Kelton that won the Kilmore Invitational Fours

At the time of writing this article we are aware of the problems the floods are causing to Bowls Clubs in Country Victoria, particularly Bridgewater which has 4 feet of water on its greens and water in the club house. Other Clubs that are affected are Benalla, Campbells Creek, Rochester and Stawell.

Bowls Victoria have set up a Disaster Relief Fund for clubs in which donations can be given. The money raised from our Aussies V Ukas will be donated to this fund.

Details will be placed on the notice board so that people who have bowls equipment or spare change can donate.

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>

MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Another Washout!!!! One third of this Pennant Season has been lost to wet weather. This must be some sort of record. As a result of these washouts it really does make this seasons finals race very much a lottery. No doubt some clubs will be advantaged more than others depending on who they were playing at the time of the washouts.

Having said that, with two rounds to play we still have FIVE sides in the finals hunt. Teams 1,3,5,6 & 7 will all be hoping for wins over the next two weeks.

On the other hand we have still been averaging 18 bowlers per week unavailable to play for various reasons, which continue to make the selectors tasks all the more difficult to provide continuity and regularity within sides and within teams pertaining to those sides.

The Match Committee has regularly had to ask many of our Lady Bowlers to help fill in each week and it is often our 7th side that is 'raided' for top-up players, so much so that if our 7th side actually makes the finals, there is a very real risk that they won't have enough players who are actually eligible to play finals. HOW SAD!!!

The Men's Committee and next year's Match Committee will have to think long and hard as to the numbers of sides they enter for Pennant Season 2011-2012 based on the significant lack of support and commitment by many bowlers this year.

Milestone Awards will be presented to all eligible bowlers following pennant on Sunday 20th February (last Pennant day). Those bowlers to receive awards will be notified, so please make an extra effort to attend for these worthy presentations.

Match Committee

