

THE BARKING DOG



PRESIDENTS REPORT

- Winter is well and truly with us, but we still have large numbers playing Social Bowls especially Wednesdays. The team running Social Bowls are doing a great job, even though they have made a couple of fauxpas. But it is part of learning to run these days, and hopefully go on to the Tournament Committee one day.
- Our new Club shirts have been ordered, and should be at the club in the next 6 to 8 weeks. Thanks to Vivian Balfour for her assistance with the shirts.
- Winter is also a good time to hone your skills for the coming Pennant season. There is no better place to start, than the coaching / skills format every Sunday at 10 am. If it rains the coaching is moved to the Clubrooms.
- After the great success we had with our pilot night last February, barefoot bowls will be part of our schedule this coming season. With the success other clubs are having in this area it could help fill the void when other Tournaments are struggling.
- The greens shelters are progressing well, thanks to the members who have helped in this project. Without the volunteers in projects like this, and also in the general running of the club, one of two things could happen. Our membership fees would be astronomical or the club would struggle to survive. To show our thanks and appreciation to the Volunteers, I am introducing a Volunteers Day. This will be held annually for all members who give up their time, for the benefit of the club.
- On behalf of the committee and members I would like to pass on our sympathy and condolences to Jo and Hans on the passing of Jo's father and foundation member Ron Sutton.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Sizzling Sunday to take the place of Smorgasbord Sunday. This will be played as fours with a B-B-Q meal, dates to be announced. Hocking Stuart will sponsor Barefoot bowls to be played in tandem with twilight bowls on a Friday night..

Minor Singles Championship to be played in September.

Opening day last Sunday in August

SPONSOR SUPPORT

Ray Schaffert Chairman of the sponsorship committee would like anyone knowing a potential sponsor to contact him as soon as possible. He would also like all members to support our sponsors as much as they possibly can.



LILYDALE SPORTING GOODS
Here on Wed. 21.7.10 from 11.30am

Allan Thompson will be here from 11.30am, to help and assist all bowlers (new & old), with a selection of bowls, bags, and shoes.

GREENS REPORT

All the winter maintenance has been completed on the two grass greens and the new grass growth seems to be progressing okay after the problems that we had at the latter end of last season. The greens are being cut regularly which will encourage the new growth but that will be slowing down as we are now in the winter period.

We are having some problems with algae on the synthetic green which we are working on to get under control and eventually remove from the surface.

Ray Morse and his group have been very busy putting new roofs on the shelters which will be completed in time for the new season and will look really good. The old canvas ones have really given good service to the club

The new Greens Committee has been formed and I'm pleased to say that all the members from last year have put their names forward again

Bill Harper, John Drummond, Fred Knee, John Baker, Graham Robinson, Bert Closter, Bert Kloet, Rex Menser, Kevin Cormack, Ed Slinger, Joe Belli (Board Member)

Board Report

- Completion of the replacement of shelters is well underway. All formwork on remaining shelters has been completed and roofing will shortly be fitted.
- Purchase of a defibrillator is being investigated. The cost of these units is around \$2,750 and the possibility of sourcing some sort of "grant" is being undertaken.
- A new electricity meter has been installed to assist in the equitable sharing of costs with the Shire in respect to the bore water they source from our club. A new water meter, for the same purpose, is to be installed.
- We are to liaise with the new Board of Bowls Vic to ascertain as to whether, given temperature variances across metropolitan Melbourne, a review of "bowling in the heat" is being undertaken.

Jerome Shaw

Coaches Corner with Frank

Coaching on Thursdays is progressing well. Numbers on the day can be anywhere between 5 & 10 people. Anyone wishing to improve their delivery technique are welcome to attend.

Times are between 10.30 am and 12.30am on a Thursday, see Frank Hargreaves.

Also every Sunday between 10am & 12am bowling drills are in progress. At the moment there are approximately 20 bowlers attending.

Social Bowls

Once again a different format and increased prizemoney is proving popular with bowlers in the Social Bowls competition.

Just introduced is a monthly Super Wednesday, where an extra \$100 has been added to the normal prizemoney, by the Tournament Committee.

Unfortunately no bowls were played on three consecutive competition days due to bad weather and a problem with the Synthetic Green.

A successful day was run last Wednesday, the first of the Super Wednesdays where five prizes were handed out. (A total of \$182).

UMPIRES RULE with John Drummond

Probably the most disregarded of all the laws is Law 36. It is broken every time a game is played, at all levels.

The law deals with the position of players during play and reads...

Law 36.1 In relation to the rink of play:

1 Players at the mat-end of the rink who are not delivering a bowl should stand at least 1 metre behind the mat.

2. Players at the head-end of the rink who are not controlling play should stand:

- . behind the jack and away from the head;
- . On the surrounds of the green if the jack is in the ditch; or
- . well clear of the head if it is not possible to stand on the surrounds.

3. As soon as a bowl is delivered, a player who is controlling play, if they are in front of the jack, should take position as described in paragraph 2 above.

4. If a player does not meet the terms of this law, Law 35 will apply.

You will note the lack of any definitive measurement, such as "1 metre, 2 metres, just behind the jack and away from the head" and what is the head? Law 1.13 states...

Head: The jack and any bowl which have come to rest within the boundaries of the rink of play and are not dead.

The most prevalent offenders of the rink are those players directing the head when appealed to, the umpire should apply Law 35; dealing with possession of the rink, explaining the Law to player, manager or coach.

If the offence is again committed, then the penalty as described in Law 35.4 should be involved.

What is "possession of the rink"?

Law 35.1 and 35.2 explain this fully. So why is it that as soon as the thirds have delivered the last bowl, a mad stampede begins from behind the mat in a wild race to the head-end?

Are all players in a hurry to end the game, or aren't they aware of the bowls, or are they just inconsiderate and lack manners?

What do you think?

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Club needs your help. Do not leave it up to your mates at the club to do all the work, step forward and help. Whatever you can contribute will be appreciated.

Please mark down where you can provide volunteer hours whether it might be 2 hours per week or 2 hours per month.

VOLUNTEER AREA	HOURS/WEEK	HOURS/MONTH
BAR		
BISTRO		
BINGO KITCHEN		
MONDAY MORNING GARDEN		
MONDAY MORNING GREENS		
MONDAY MORNING BUILDINGS		
SOCIAL BOWLS COMPETITIONS		
KITCHEN		

Fill in the hours you can work. Print your name in the space provided below and place this sheet in the podium box at the clubs entrance

Name:	Phone No:
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DENILQUIN CHALLENGE

The Mooroolbark Bowling Club's annual assault up to Deniliquin took place on the 11th, 12th & 13th of June, with 15 bowlers (5 teams of 3) representing the club.

There were a number of rookies making their first trip north including Ray Morse, John Hofstra, Rod Paine, Kaine Murray and Tony Hawley (have I forgotten anyone??) combining with a number of stalwarts to do battle with over 100 bowlers from both city and regional areas.

All arrived during Friday arvo and attacked the greens for a roll-up and to get the feel " of the set-up. Only 2 veterans decided their priorities lay in satisfying their needs after such a long tiring, and thirsty drive???? The letter M is the clue to their identity.

Friday night saw the extremely important and necessary bonding sessions take place to well into the night. No dramas so far although having a snooze in the back of a Ute on a freezing night may not be the ideal preparation.

Fine, sunny conditions met our Mooroolbark mob on Saturday and at the end of 3 hard fought games only the combination of John Hofstra, Jim Campbell and Peter Laird got through to the play-offs, only to be unluckily knocked out first round. Well done guys.

More very important bonding sessions took place thereafter in preparation for Sunday. Any dramas??? Don't think so ???

Once again, fine, sunny conditions prevailed and a very long day followed of 4 games of 10 ends. Unfortunately, no team made the play-offs, which meant there was extra time for all of us to relax, analyse the two days activities and to celebrate the weekend with the traditional get-together at the local Chinese Restaurant. The meal was highlighted with the surprise appearance of someone looking awfully like Norman Gunston, including his trademark face tissues. A number of guys had plans to stay up till 4am to watch the Socceroos in action (what a shocker), but as that was way past the authors bed time, no reports are available.

Two teams stayed on for Mondays battles of 3 x 14 end games and the team of Morse, Hawley & Leonard with a last game +22 were unlucky not to get the pay cheque, missing out by 1 shot.

All in all a great weekend of bowling and boys getting away together and having a good time. By the time this article goes to press you will have probably heard the likes of Budda, Carrots, Mad Dog, Vinnie, Rowdy, Chopper, Bails and Rocket being used on the greens.

A special thank you once again to Bob Milligan for planning and organising the accommodation etc. ensuring a great weekend for all.

Written by NAILS