



# THE BARKING DOG

The official newsletter of Mooroolbark Bowls Club Inc

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## MEN'S PRESIDENTS REPORT

Well with the start of the 2011-2012 Season we have had some ups and downs and a Storm called Graham.

As you all would know by now Stormy is our new Chairman of Selectors due to the sudden resignation of Tony Hawley due to personal reasons.

On behalf of the Committee we thank Tony for his commitment which saw the panel carry out their duties in a more professional way. We also wish to thank Vivienne for her help. As a matter of fact they both seem to be more relaxed.

Many thanks to Kevin Cormick, the Men's Committee and any other members who kept the club going over the Winter break.

It is also great to see Freddy Knee, Suddsy and Fergie back around the club after recent setbacks

Barefoot bowls starts Oct 28 and runs until the end of March. Try to encourage a neighbour, friend or a family member to participate it's a lot of fun and a great chance to gain new members

Some championship games have started. Good luck to all of you who are competing.

Our new \$1000.00 raffle for October will be sold out by the time you read this with a lot of numbers saved for the November draw. You should get in quickly to become \$1000 richer.

Good luck to all of you for the rest of the season and enjoy.

Best Regards

Ray Morse

## LADY PRESIDENTS REPORT

Well another season has begun. 2011-2012. Great to see our Club Rooms all back to normal. Our Biggest Morning Tea which was held in August was a great success, thank you to all that attended and gave so generously, a thank you also to the Ladies in the Kitchen, and all the Ladies who supplied the wonderful cakes and slices. It was wonderful to hear Joan Williamson speak about Bill's cancer, and the great success his treatment has been, we wish Bill continued good health.

Charity Day was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> September, we raised \$640.00 which was a great effort, the money goes to Kids Safe this year.

Gala Day is coming up, so please put your names down, and come along and have a lot of fun. Great stalls, and raffles to be won.

Ladies Committee will have our Christmas Hampers on display, ready to sell the raffle tickets on that day.

Thank you all for your donations, without your donations we wouldn't be able to have such great Hampers and prizes.

I wish everybody on Committees a good year, work in harmony, and I am sure the season will go off well.

So to all bowlers, Ladies and Men, I wish you good bowling and good health for the coming season.

Kind regards

President Julie Hin.

## **MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT**

We were fortunate to have kind weather, which enabled us to have four (4) solid hit-outs against quality opposition and at the end of the day that's what we all need before the start of the season proper.

We welcome new bowlers to the Club and to Pennant, namely: Paul Ley, John Ritchie, Chris Jones, Max Dent, Graham Pledge, Averil Cantwell, Colin Mitchell, Joyce Sheridan, Shirley Cubbins, Pam Hillard (new to Saturday Pennant), and welcome back Doug Bosman.

It goes without saying, we all welcome challenges and competition that Pennant presents, so we say to all bowlers, good luck, good bowling and ENJOY.

Match Committee

## **CLUBHOUSE REPAIRS**

As you are well aware there has been a lot of repair to the clubhouse over the last year

The total cost of the roof repairs including engineer's reports, roof replacement and white ant repairs totalled \$64,713.21

White ant treatment cost \$9,460.00

The replacement of the air conditioning unit cost the club \$9,049.09 after insurance

This means that the total unforeseen expenditure by the club was \$83,222.30

There will be a number of special fund raising activities to help reimburse the club that will be outlined throughout the year

## **COACHES CORNER**

### **Skipper's 'DNA'**

#### *Introduction*

There are many authors and numerous internet articles, papers and general chats about the game.

Some of the books are quite ancient but their content stands up to the way the game is played today!

A few of the theories with mathematical logic tend to be out of date due to the evolution of the bias through the ongoing development of bowls in the market place.

#### **Research**

I have researched the writings of many authors both long ago and up to the latest contributors including the internet.

My objective was to identify the factors that have been mentioned as being highly desirable for the 'perfect' skipper -- his DNA so as to say.

It is interesting to note that different authors place different emphasis on differing factors, perhaps including their own flair into what they see as being significant.

With an open mind, I have listed the factors and scored each with a point per author who mentioned it as a relevant desired factor.

These points are expressed as a percentage to represent the frequency across the 60 different contributors, most of whom are/were at International/Interstate level.

I put forward the findings in three groups: -

### ***1 Most Significant -- 100% to 70%***

#### ***1. Percentage Factors***

- 100 Directions are tactically sound which are given in the positive, with authority and confidence
- 100 Calls are clear and precisely to the point with no trimmings
- 100 Creates Match Plans for all occasions
- 100 Develops Roles per Position within the Match Plans
- 90 Competent in all shots
- 90 The best Draw shot player in the Team
- 75 Accepts that some attempts will not be successful
- 75 Confident in own skills
- 70 Plays well under pressure -- cool calm and collected

The elements contained within the above most significant group are: -

- \* Planning
- \* Bowling Skills
- \* Mental Skills

### ***2 Some Importance --- 60% to 30%***

#### ***Percentage Factors***

- 60 Understands the strengths and weaknesses of his Team
- 60 Identifies the strengths and weaknesses of the opposition
- 60 Considers that the more he has together -- the more they have elsewhere and reacts accordingly
- 55 Never attempts conversions without 2 good 2nds
- 50 Avoids negative comments and body language
- 50 Avoids Team's weaknesses
- 33 Strong self discipline & Strong communication skills
- 30 Only praises good/successful shots
- 30 Praise Team when they win
- 30 Accepts responsibility when the Team loses

Elements contained in Some Importance are: -

- \* Tactical considerations
- \* Communication techniques

### ***3 Some Interest --- Less than 30%***

#### ***Percentage Factors***

- 20 Gives directions every bowl for 2nds and 3rds
- 20 Knows when to attack and when to defend
- 20 Plays the true side of the green-- if any
- 20 Regards the quality not the win that is important
- 20 Controls Team
- 10 Strong compatibility
- 10 Shows interest in Team and Side progress each week
- 10 Awareness of the big (side ) scoreboard
- 10 Alert to changes in playing conditions

- 10 Studies other peoples needs -- within own Team
- 10 Physically fit for the game.

The Element in this general interest group is

- \* Awareness

### ***Observations***

In analysing the factors in their percentage order of emphasis, there appear issues that should not be of any surprise to the students of the game. They form a rank order of importance: -

#### ***Elements Percentage of Reference***

Planning 100  
Bowling Skills 90  
Mental Skills 75 – 70  
Tactical considerations 60 – 55  
Communication techniques 50 – 33  
Awareness of the Match 30 -- lower

### ***Using the Findings of the DNA Research***

I realise that this type of research and its conclusions are of only passing interest to most players, however, to coaches and the more serious players, there can be a number of helpful ingredients awaiting to be tapped to their advantage.

I have included each of the Elements in forming a Process that is designed to improve the performance of Players, Teams, Sides and Clubs who aspire to reach previously difficult-to-achieve levels.

### ***The Process Results***

The Process has been used in a number of Clubs with the following levels of success: -

- \* Those which were committed have earned promotion in accordance with their stated objectives,
- \* Those less than fully committed improved but did not earn the promotion objective,
- \* Those which rejected the Process did not show any noticeable improvement in their Pennant results objectives and
- \* Those who amended or discarded the Process after my departure, all returned by way of relegation to their earlier lower Divisions.

It requires patience and dedication to follow the intense Process and it is not for all Clubs. Realistic assessment of the players' wishes and commitment must be gathered for it to have any chance of success.

### ***The Process and Interstate and International Representations***

Most Interstate and International Coaching and Selection panels are following the Process although they may recognize it in slightly different formats and emphasis. They have an advantage in that they are dealing only with the dedicated players and do not have to be influenced by those who do not wish to put in the effort and commitment.

In some Clubs, the introduction of Development Squads was attempted with the result that improvement was made by those attending but they subsequently left that Club as they became too ambitious for the less dedicated members. They sought or were sought by Clubs with higher objectives and more determined members.

### ***The Process and Club Representations***

It is understood that the Process is too intense for the majority of players, especially at the age that the majority are attracted to the game -- recently or about to become retired. On the other hand, the challenge is there for the ambitious and more dedicated players and coaches.

### ***The Process and its Sequence of Modules***

The modules within the Process are set out in the 3 page article --

*The Process - The Sequence of Modules.*

If there is enough interest given to me personally, then I will publish that 3 page article. Where there remains enough players to take it up, I will conduct the training sessions in the off-season so as to lessen the effect of the typical 'learning curve' pattern.

Brian McIntyre

### **FUND RAISING RAFFLE**

There is a new raffle to raise money for the roof fund raising appeal

**NEW FUND RAISER RAFFLE**

**\$1,000 DOLLAR DRAW**

**THE LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**ONLY 100 NUMBERS @ \$20.00 PER NUMBER**

You don't have to be present at the draw to collect your prize  
You can get together with someone else to share a ticket

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

These are the dates of the Social Functions for this season

Oct 29th Melbourne Cup Calcutta.

Dec 17th Christmas Dinner Dance. Artist: Brendon Scott. \$25 p.p. Sherries 7pm. 2 course dinner at 8pm.

Dec 31st New Years Eve Dance. Band "Set 2". \$27.50p.p. Sherries 7.30pm. Dinner 8.30pm.

Feb 11th Trivia Night. More Information later.

Mar. 3rd Artist: "Rock around the World". More information at a later date

## **FOR SALE NOTICES**

If club members wish to advertise items for sale in The Barking Dog please email Jim Cantwell [averil@houseofwack.com](mailto: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>

## **FIRST AID**

On the front door of the club house is a notice with a red cross which outlines the procedures and the location of the first aid equipment at Mooroolbark Bowls Club.

Please ensure you are familiar with its contents

The club also has a defibrillator and a number of club members have been trained in its use

## **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

<b>AMBULANCE AND FIRE</b> .....	000
<b>CROYDON POLICE</b> .....	9724 0100
<b>MOOROOLBARK POLICE</b> .....	9725 9999
<b>MAROONDAH HOSPITAL</b> .....	0871 3333