



Parkdale

the village green



March to May 2019

Newsletter of Parkdale Bowling & Social Club



From the President – Mick Supple

As we approach the end of the pennant season it's great to see the improvement in the bowling standard at the club with possibly 5 sides playing in finals if all goes to plan. Congratulations to Haydn, club coaches and all players for their dedication to improve the quality of bowling at the club.

I am thrilled to announce the sponsorship from MotaFix Mentone for a new club uniform for next season. This will allow us to design a new uniform that depicts the time and area in which our club is in. A subcommittee will be formed to come up with the new design and approval will be made by the Board. The sponsorship means that each playing member will not have to purchase a new club shirt. Thanks to David and Christine Kidner of Motafix for their generosity and we look forward to the playing in our new shirts next season. I'd ask you to please repay their support if you require any mechanical work on your vehicle.

Over the last month I have begun negotiating with the council for the asphaltting of our car park and the raising of our flood lights. We have put together a series of quotes to not only

asphalt the surface but to also remove the large bushes/trees on the south boundary and replace them with a small garden. The works would also include replacing a section of fence and some painting. We have asked the council to pay 50% of the cost of the works. I hope to have an answer very soon. Not only will this improve the look of our club but also improve the safety of everyone accessing the clubrooms.

The raising of the lights is progressing slowly but I am working with the engineering depart at the City of Kingston to see if we can come up with a solution. I am fairly confident that we should have an outcome by the middle of the year.

I'd also like to thank the Bendigo bank for the extra sponsorship they have donated to the club for the purchase of some new aluminium bench seating. The seats have arrived and should be in place shortly.

Club Championships are almost completed with only a couple of pairs games left to play. Congratulations to all the winners and well done to everyone who participated. The championships are an integral part of our club calendar so it is important

that we have as many participants as possible take part.

Our Friday night Members Draw has been a great initiative where members, family and friends share a drink and a laugh in a relaxed social atmosphere. Numbers are increasing each week so let's keep coming along for a chance to win the money.



Francis Hung winning the jackpot Member's Draw prize

Let's hope we have success in the coming finals series to truly make this another magnificent pennant season.

Mick Supple

From the Secretary - Greg Woods

As I write this piece for the newsletter there is a possibility that all three Saturday pennant sides and two of our Tuesday pennant sides will participate in finals. There has been a noticeable lift in our bowling standards which is reflected in the outstanding results achieved this season. Congratulations goes to the coaching staff and to all players who have attended training and made positive efforts to improve their

bowling skills. Best wishes and good luck to those bowlers fortunate enough to participate in finals. I know that you'll do the club proud.

In the previous edition of the newsletter I foreshadowed that a sub-committee would be formed to make recommendations to the Board on what to do with the current and future Honour Boards. This sub-committee has met and made its recommendations which has been accepted by the Board. Briefly, the recommendations accepted are:

- Photographing and framing 'retired' Honour Boards
- Creation of a new style Honour Board
- Purchase of a monitor to display award winners and achievements

Full details of the recommendations are on the Notice Board. Further information will be provided at a member's information session that will follow our AGM on Sunday 19 May.

Whilst on the topic of the AGM, our Club's constitution requires that four Board positions become vacant. Shortly we will be seeking nominations for these Board positions and for the various committee roles. Last year, we had a battle to fill some roles and indeed some went unfilled. As a club, we simply cannot continually rely on the same volunteers to cover a large range of duties. With the addition of so many new members who can bring skills, energy and new ideas, I'd like to see some fresh faces volunteer to take up some of these important roles. Details of the AGM along with the various committee roles will shortly be placed on the notice board.

An update on recent news provided by Bowls Victoria (BV). The

management of Bowls Victoria have taken steps to reshape how pennant bowls is run in future years. A decision has been made to finish the operations of the BV Metropolitan Pennant Committee at the end of the 2018/19 season. This will be replaced by a Metropolitan Pennant Executive. Representation will be made up (in part) with representatives from each of the Bowls Regions and three members from bowls clubs. According to BV the new structure is designed to empower Regions and streamline the flow of information from Bowls Victoria to each Metropolitan Region and the Metropolitan Clubs. BV has also announced that the 2019/2020 bowls season will remain at 18 rounds. However, due to changes in the hosting of national bowls events the bowls season in 2020/2021 will not commence until November. At this stage, no decision has been made on whether there will be a reduction in the number of matches or competing teams in each section.

On Sunday 7 April we will be holding our President's and Presentation Day. This is an important day for the Club as it gives our members an opportunity to mix with our past Presidents and congratulate our Club Champions. I encourage all members to attend this event.

Greg Woods

From the Head Coach - Haydn Smith

At the start of the season, enthusiasm is high, expectations are higher and we live for the dream of playing and winning finals. For some of us, that will become a reality in a week. But some of us are teetering on the near impossible. But while there is a pulse there is life. And now it depends on

our will to live. At the time of writing this, there is one game left for every side.

The Midweek Division 2 side is sitting in a healthy second position on the table. Finals are expected.

Division 4 start their finals this week. Sitting in 4th position equal on points with 5th placed Armadale, they face off against Armadale in the last round, for that finals berth.

Division 6 are currently 6th. They sit 18 points off 4th place and play 2nd placed Blackrock. A glimmer of hope, but everyone needs to fire.

Saturday Pennant has some strangely similar scenarios to Midweek. Division 2 are sitting in 5th position. Oh, how valuable would those wins have been against Clayton and Coatesville in the first round. Clayton didn't do us any favours last week and now we have to claim 18 points against Moorabbin and hope South Oakleigh lose every rink to 2nd placed Ashburton. A pulse. Division 4 are comfortably in the four, but last Saturday's result surely hurt causing us to drop from 2nd to 4th. We play 1st placed Cardinia Waters this coming round. We have the strength, talent and the belief that we can win and win well. Be confident as we go into the finals.

Division 7 are 5th and only 12 points out of the final 4. They too have a finals-like game, taking on 4th placed Burden Park. With an overall win they can slip into the four and continue their journey.

So, all teams are certainly playing for something this coming round. And to be able to say that at on the last day of the home and away season is very pleasing as club coach. I believe we have achieved so much this year as individuals and more importantly as a club. With newer bowlers being given opportunities and gaining experience we can only get better as a group.

And as the club thrives on success, people from outside the club will want to be a part of the Parkdale success, thus attracting players of ability from other clubs. This will only make us stronger, and challenge our current members to achieve.

But it is up to members to accept each challenge as it comes along. Sometimes we may not be playing in the side that we believe we should be in. But members need to let their bowls do the talking. They need to have belief in their own ability, but also belief in the selectors that they will regain or advance to the level they believe they should be, if the individual is playing at a high standard. On the whole I am happy with the attitude of members after they have been to the "wailing wall". That is also a pleasing thing. Members are club and team orientated. I would also like to say well done to those people that took part in all the club games that have been played to this point. Friendly rivalry within the ranks makes for a healthy club. It means people enjoy their bowls and also their club. A big success, I think, was the triples concept this year. Well done to the executive for coming up with that format.

Congratulations to the winners and runners up of the championship matches that have been finalized.

Triples- Bruce Willett, John Perry, Kerri Mowat, (Steve Clifford, Jeff Robertson, Ian Thomas),

New Bowler- Martin Royce, (Blake McKenzie),



New Bowlers Champion Martin Royce & Runner-up Blake McKenzie

Men's Minor- Jim Walker, (Greg Woods),



Men's Minor Champion Jim Walker & Runner-up Greg Woods

Men's Proportional- Martin Royce, (Nathan Willett),

Ladies Singles- Erica Jones, (Kerri Mowat),



Women's Singles Champion Erica Jones & Runner-up Kerri Mowat

Men's Singles- Mick Supple, (Haydn Smith)



Men's Singles Champion Mick Supple & Runner -up Haydn Smith

Well done to all those people. There were some cracking games and those games could have gone either way,
 In closing, the season is not over. It's just another phase. To those teams that make the finals, let's all get behind them, right to the end. Let people know, no matter if we are in the 3rd side or the top side, we are

Parkdale, we are united as one.
 Always striving to advance our club.
 Parkdale Are Go!

Haydn Smith

Barefoot Bowls report - Bill Bushby

The twelfth season of barefoot bowls started on 31st January and will run until 4th April. We welcomed one brand new team this time and four others returned to us after a break of a season or so. These comings and goings result in us having twenty two teams in our competition this time. To enable this to happen two teams have a bye each round and each team will either have one or two bye during the season. These arrangements were made with the approval of the players and helpers because everyone wants the most people to have a game and not to turn people away if possible. Our experience so far indicates that we can handle 22 teams ok but any more would be a struggle.
 Last season finished with the regular bride and bridesmaid fulfilling their usual roles. Parktone Pups were winners and Parkdale Sharks were runners-up (see accompanying photos).





Parktone Pups holding Barefoot Bowls Shield



Andrew Wayne Peter
Barefoot Bowls Runners-up December 2018

The barefoot Bowls Community celebrated a major milestone when Chef de Partie, Ian Thomas, had his eightieth birthday. All present joined in a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday and Ian wielded the knife and cut his cake without causing any harm.



BBQ Chef Thommo cutting his cake

All in all, things continue to go well.

Bill Bushby

Social Committee report - Yvonne Hobson

2018 was a busy year for the Social Committee. It culminated with our annual Christmas party where members relaxed and welcomed in the festive season. It was a lovely way to finish off the year.

CONGRATULATIONS to the members who won the Christmas Hampers. I would like to thank all members who helped Jane, Hazel, Linda and myself with the various functions. I would also like to thank Ian Thomas, Bruce Gilbert and Bruce Willett for manning the BBQ, often at short notice.

In April 2019, we look forward to serving hot cross buns as a special Easter treat, to all members present at the Wednesday and Saturday Social Bowls.

Please put the following functions in your diaries:

April 7th, Sunday.....President's and Presentation Day

April 25th, Thursday.....Anzac Day

May 5th, Sunday.....Reg Lewis Tournament

Please look out for fliers advertising other spontaneous events at the Club. Keep smiling and happy bowling.

Yvonne Hobson

MAHJONG



Are you interested in playing Mahjong? Why not come along for some fun and a bit of afternoon tea with fellow bowlers? Join us each Monday afternoon at 1.00pm and see if you like it!!



Trading Table

Profit this year has not been as good as in other years simply because we have not received good donations of saleable, interesting articles that draw in the customers. To make it worthwhile to continue, we need nice costume jewelry, fashion accessories, cds, dvds, books and bric brac. Crafts and jams etc are also good sellers. (thanks Lorraine for the recent beautiful jam and to Patricia Wright for her jewelry!) No electrical items please!!

So come on ladies (and wives of male bowlers), please search your cupboards to help out!

Many articles are given to Op Shops that have to be thrown out, so when it comes to choosing an item to donate, ask yourself "Would I want to buy this myself?" If you have items please give them to me directly to be priced, or leave them somewhere tidily for me.

Thank you,
Brenda Bushby

Welfare Report - Jane Ford and Erica Jones

We are almost at the end of the pennant season. Well done to everyone who took part for your hard work, dedication and achievements.

In December of last year we were pleased to be able to celebrate Margaret Newell's 90th birthday with her. Margaret received a framed certificate celebrating her many years of bowling and her dedication and contribution to the wellbeing of the club.



Margaret Newell receiving a special certificate on her 90th Birthday from President Mick Supple



Margaret's 90th Birthday cake

During December and January a number of members experienced hospitalisation and operations. We are pleased to see Francis Hung, Yvonne Hobson and John Perry back on the green and we wish them continued good health.

Bruce Gilbert had several skin cancers removed, reminding us of the need to 'slip, slop, slap' and ensure that we wear hats that adequately cover our heads, necks and ears. We wish Bruce well.

We send best wishes to William Belt who continues to experience health issues and is unable to join us at the club at the moment.

Michael Hermitage is recovering well from heart surgery and he will be back to bowling as soon as he is able.

In January Des Allen passed away and a number of members attended a celebration of his life with his family. It was a very moving occasion.

Our best wishes to Ray and Shirley Ellis. Shirley is recovering from glass cuts after a window blew into their home during a recent storm. We wish Shirley a speedy recovery and hope she is able to get around soon.

Neil Davidson has commenced treatment for cancer and our thoughts are with him and his family as he goes through this process.

In February Betty Brown passed away. Betty was an active member of the club for many years and had continued to meet with her bowling friends for lunches until very recently. A card has been sent to her family.

We look forward to a relaxed winter bowls season and wish everyone good health.

Kind regards

Jane Ford and Erica Jones

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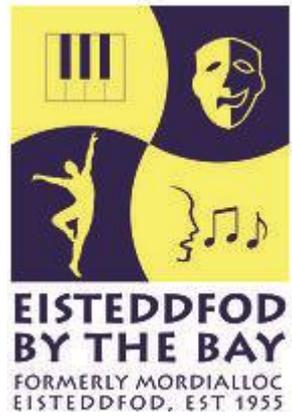
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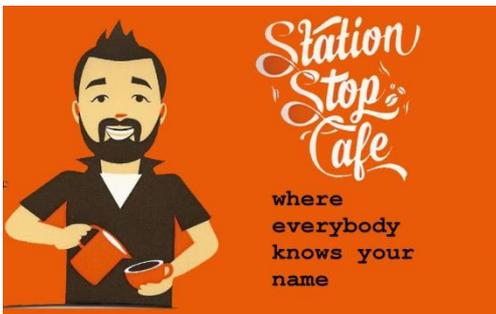




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