



Parkdale

the village green



November 2019 to March 2020

Newsletter of Parkdale Bowling & Social Club



From the President - Mick Supple

What a terrific start to the pennant season with four wins in the first weekend round. Great to see the club going from strength to strength combining with Mordialloc to field a fourth side this season.

We all looked magnificent in our new shirts thanks to the sponsorship from Mentone Motafix. Thanks to Stephen Clifford for his help in designing and managing the process.

I've spent some time over the past few weeks working with the council to find a solution to the carpark and the raising of the flood lights. The trees have been removed from the carpark and shortly a new fence will be erected and then, all going well, we may be able to asphalt during our Christmas break. Geoff Gledhill has been a great ally in bringing the relevant council planning department on board in working towards a solution to both these projects. I believe we have found a solution to get past the heritage overlay that has in the past restricted the height of the lights. If we can have the lighting brought up to Australian standards we will be able to play some of our weekend pennant games on a Friday night for instance. Hopefully I will have

some more news in the coming weeks.

The Friday night member's draw has again been a great success with a large crowd turning out each Friday from 5 to 7pm. It's nice to catch up with members and friends over a casual drink and some nibbles.

The club is very fortunate to have such a large group of volunteers always prepared to help out, whether it's barefoot bowls or looking after bar or green, the club could not function without your help. Thank you for putting your time into our great club.

The survival of the club is also helped by the contribution from our sponsors. Please support these sponsors who have been so generous to our club. Please give the Bendigo Bank the opportunity to quote on your insurance policies. Motafix Mentone is a first class mechanical workshop so if your car needs servicing or needs some TLC call in and see David and Chris. If you are contemplating selling your home please give Buxton of Mentone the opportunity to give you an appraisal. If you have any aches or pains give Mick Beasley a call at CPC Health and Pilates in Cheltenham.

All the best for the remainder of the season. Let's all stick together and bring home a couple of flags in season 2019-2020.

Mick Supple

From the Secretary - Greg Woods

With the Pennant season underway there is a lot of activity happening around the club. At this time of the year the club's facilities are being used on most days of the week, which is fabulous to see. Our Friday members draw has commenced and is being well attended.

The Club Championship events have now commenced – good luck to everyone who has entered. I urge all participants to play their matches by the scheduled dates which are published in our syllabus and on the notice board. The onus is on the participants to make themselves available and not rely on the organisers of these events to inform them or to rearrange scheduling. The club championships consists of 8 events and we will run into scheduling issues if these are not completed by the published dates.

We finally have some movement on the club's honour boards. Our electronic honour board is now operational. The old honour boards have been photographed and are ready to be framed. These will be hung in the foyer area that lead into the amenity rooms. Our main honour board has been scoped and hopefully will be available by the end of the year. It will be hung on the wall to the right side of the bar. To better promote upcoming events around the club, we are investigating the purchase of another screen which

will be located on the wall above the lectern.

Bowls Victoria (BV) has introduced new software for this pennant season - Bowlslink. Gone are the days when we phone through the results to BV. Each week we now enter the name of each member by team and rink. At the end of each match the results are entered for each rink. All of this information is now available on BV's competition portal.

The Sandbelt Championships are underway. Great to see so many of our members participate in these events. This year we have been nominated to host two Sandbelt Championship events:

- Women's Fours on Sunday 8 December; and
- Mixed Pairs on Sunday 12 January

Volunteers will be required to assist with the running of these events.

Arrangements are being made host a bowls event in January with Helloworld Travel Parkdale being our major sponsor. More details will be released as arrangements are finalised.

Greg Woods

From the Head Coach - Haydn Smith

Coach's Comments...

The season has finally come around after the winter hiatus. For those that play bowls all year round, in case you missed it, Richmond won the 2019 AFL & VFL Premierships.

The results in both the Tuesday and Saturday Pennant competitions have been promising. I think that there is still room for a lot of improvement but

we have stable foundations with which to build.

An observation: At various stages of the game, players, in particular, skippers, should be wary of the state of play. Whether that be the score on their own rink, or the overall score. I observed in a recent game, that with about 3 ends to play and only two teams still on the green, Parkdale were slightly behind overall. The two remaining skippers could have had a conversation as to what tactics they were going to pursue to win the game. Also, this conversation should have involved the manager. If an attacking game-plan had been adopted the side may have gone down overall but the teams were in such a position that one team could not have been overtaken and the rink points would have remained the same. An attacking game plan may also have secured the win. But it seemed that both teams were happy just to play out the game.

It's been great to see an influx of new players to the pennant squads. Well done to Bill and Brenda Bushby for their running of the "Bare-foot Bowls". The club is growing and vibrant and a lot of that is due to Bill and Brenda and the team of volunteers that support this great night series.

With new bowlers emerging, experienced players may find themselves playing in a grade of bowls that they are unfamiliar with. It is important for all bowlers to remember that, although they may be playing in a grade that they think is "beneath" their ability, the quality of bowlers at all grades is improving. As a result, the grade of bowls that they thought was lowly, has an improved standard. The bowler is a part of that improvement by playing in that

grade. And of course, they are still representing Parkdale.

The Club is hosting Mordialloc Secondary College on a Friday afternoon. The young people have improved their knowledge of the game as well as their ability. It would be fantastic if we could get a couple of bowlers out of this group to represent the club or even begin a journey into representative bowls. Thank you to the people that volunteer their time to assist with this program.

In closing, remember that each end of pennant makes a game. Each game makes a season. And with that in mind we aim for playing finals at each level. Remember your role within the team. Remember to respect your team members and their role. With "Harmony" we will achieve. Chaos breeds failure.

Parkdale Are GO !!
Cheers!
Haydn Smith.

Barefoot Bowls report - Bill Bushby

The Barefoot Bowls season commenced on 10th October with 21 teams entered. This number is one fewer than we had last season but in my opinion 21 teams is the ideal number. It means one team has a bye each round so if any team is short we have at least three people who may fill gaps if they are willing. It also means that if any team cannot make it any week then the team with the bye can play a game against the missing team's opponents.

We have one new team this season, Blind Bambi and we welcome them to our competition.

I would like to thank all of our many helpers, especially Lorraine Gray who has agreed to help us in the kitchen. Thanks also to Agnes and Therese in the kitchen, Ian Thomas and Bruce Willett on the BBQ, Graeme and his merry group of bar assistants, Darryl who helps out where there is a job to be done, Liza and Allen (and others) who put the bowls away each week, Henri for maintaining the competition ladder, and Brenda who looks after the money side of things. Our season finishes on 10th December.

Bill Bushby

Social Committee report - Yvonne Hobson

In July, the Club had an impromptu visit from the City of Kingston's Health Inspector. The Social Committee is happy to report that our kitchen was considered very favourably. The Inspector was very pleased with the presentation and detail in our Log Book and the cleanliness of our kitchen. He did ask that Pest Control sprays be kept in the cupboard with other chemicals and that the seals of the fridge be cleaned as well as the glass plate in the microwave. These were duly attended to.

The Pennant Season is up and running; the Social Committee provided hot food after the first Tuesday and Saturday Pennant Matches for the year. We wish everyone a very happy and successful season.

On Friday, August 23rd, several members of the Club caught the train into the city to enjoy Afternoon Tea at the Windsor Hotel. It was a most

enjoyable afternoon with members asking for further outings.

The Melbourne Cup Sweep will be run differently this year. Please look out for the Cup Sweep Sheets in the Club Rooms during the week leading up to the Sweep.

Our annual Trivia Night is due to be held on Saturday, November 9th at 7.30pm. This year our host will be Kevin Mowatt, (Kerri Mowatt's brother-in-law). On behalf of the Board and Members of our Club, I would like to thank Bill and Brenda Bushby for their extraordinary commitment to running this successful event for many years. Bill and Brenda have given their time willingly and unconditionally; past and present members have benefited from this generous contribution to our Social Events Calendar. Bill and Brenda feel it is time for them to have a rest and have the opportunity to join the participants this year. We wish them both the very best of luck!!!

Our Christmas Function will be having a different format this year. It will be held on Saturday, December 21st, straight after the Pennant Matches. Finger food will be provided; there will be no charge for this function, partners are also warmly invited. Feel free to bring a top to change into after the game, if you so wish. We will be running raffles at the Trivia Night and Christmas Function. Please support our Club by purchasing tickets.

Please add these dates to your 2020 Calendar:

Saturday January 18th, 2020 at 4pm.....Bowling Tournament (sponsored by Hello World)

Sunday, February 16th, 2020, 2-4pm.....Afternoon Tea for Ray Ellis

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Social Committee, either through attending events or helping with the preparation of food and cleaning up. Please know your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to 'Picture Framing', 197 Bay Road, Sandringham-9598 3266 who recently replaced some glass in a large frame for the Club, free of charge.

Kind regards,
Yvonne Hobson

P.S. CONGRATULATIONS to Bob and Frances Sheehan on their 60th Wedding Anniversary which was held at the Club recently. What a wonderful achievement. ☐☐

Welfare Report - Jane Ford and Yvonne Hobson

It is never easy sending cards to members who have lost loved ones. We all feel the pain of our members at this sad time. This year the daughter of one of our past members, Tamara Foord, tragically passed away through complications with the flu. This was almost incomprehensible to us all. Sue Davidson, the wife of Russell Davidson, a Social Member of the Club and Sister-in-law of Neil Davidson passed away from Emphysema. Chris Worledge, a Social Member of the Club lost both her mother and father within a short time frame. Jeanette Williamson's husband Geoff passed away after being unwell for some time. Geoff had been an integral member of our Club and his loss was felt by all who knew him. We extend our deepest condolences to all the above mentioned Members. ☐

Francis Hung hurt his ankle quite badly when he fell on the bank of the green at Edithvale. He has recovered well, thank goodness and is now back bowling.

Tony Ford (husband of Jane Ford) is currently being treated for Prostate Cancer and a prolapsed disc. Tony is in good spirits and we wish him well for his upcoming treatments.

Warren Elsum and Jack Royce are both in care now and are happy. They have both received visits from members and I know they really appreciate this.

John and Maureen Watson regularly visit the Club to observe and support members when they are playing bowls. John and Maureen have played a pivotal role in the Club over the years and their ongoing involvement is greatly appreciated.

We hope that anyone who is not feeling great at the moment improves quickly.

If you know of someone who is not feeling well or is in hospital, please let Yvonne or Jane know so we can offer support.

Kind regards,
Yvonne and Jane

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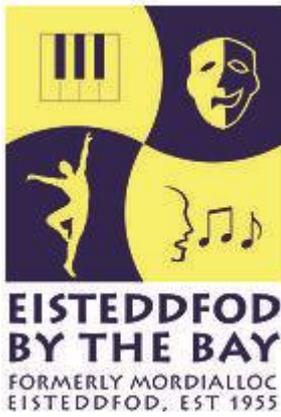
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