



Parkdale

the village green



September to November 2018

Newsletter of Parkdale Bowling & Social Club



From the Vice-President – Michael Hermitage

Welcome to spring at sunny Parkdale Bowling Club.

It should of course be our President, Mick Supple writing this, but following his lengthy jaunt around Queensland and the Top End, he is feeling pretty exhausted and has sought dispensation from the task, which defaults to me.

My personal thanks to all those involved in the work surrounding the renovations, which Greg expands upon later. I would also like to thank some of the unsung heroes of the club, namely all those involved in the organising, setting up and cleaning the green for our very successful winter bowls program. Once again we attracted several teams from visiting clubs and regularly played on eight rinks on Wednesdays and six on Saturdays. All this despite the disruption and inconvenience suffered from the renovation works.

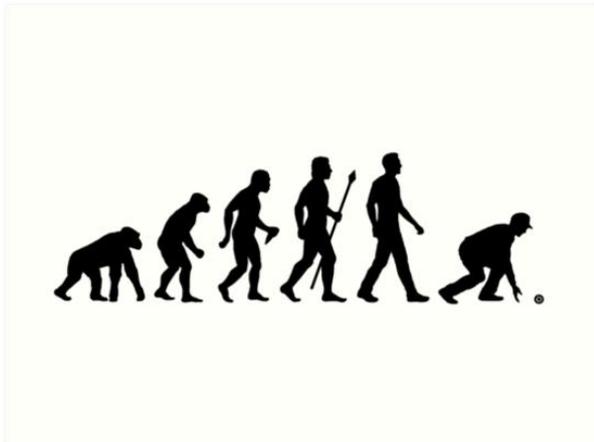
I'd like to welcome our club coach, Haydn Smith, and new members, Nathan Willett, Jim Westcott and Frank Bentley, and wish them all well for the forthcoming pennant season.

Indeed there is much excitement and anticipation as this approaches, with our fielding teams in divisions 2, 4 and 7 on Saturdays and divisions 2, 4 and 1(6 a side) on Tuesdays. When Tuesday's draw first came out the third team was playing in division 7, necessitating trips to Pakenham, Cranbourne, the Dandenongs and other far flung places every other week. Our agonised protests led Bowls Victoria to rearrange the schedule, and the farthest the team has to travel now, is Brighton. Well done Greg!

I am delighted to confirm that following representations from members last year, the Board has spent a lot of time and effort in formulating a pennant selection policy, which will shortly be disclosed. The selectors will be advised by the Board to fully embrace this policy with all their decisions. In essence, the policy states that selection shall be made on a fair and equitable basis regardless of age or gender, based on current form, player performance and ability, motivation, compatibility with other members in the side and commitment to practice. There is also a grievance procedure for players who are unhappy with a decision.

In an attempt to make the selection process even more fair and transparent, the Board has decided to implement a scoring system. This is a simple process, whereby each skipper marks players during pennant games on a sliding scale, for performance both before and after the break. These scoring cards will be given to the selectors, for use in the selection process.

Finally, a big thank you to Yvonne Hobson for organising the recent working bee, and to all those who participated. The clubhouse and surroundings look absolutely amazing.



From the Secretary - Greg Woods

Since our previous newsletter, there has been a lot of activity happening around the club. The bar renovations have now been completed with the official handover taking place on Monday 27 August. What started off as a casual conversation with the council has now materialised into a fabulous facility that we can all be proud of. I'd like to acknowledge the tireless efforts of George Soumilas throughout the construction phase. George was the liaison person between the builder and the council. During this time George always made himself available for meetings and followed up on all outstanding

matters that required the attention of the builders. George can feel particularly proud that the magnificent result we have and will continue to enjoy in the years to come was due to his oversight and attention to detail. Well done George. Whilst handing out the acknowledgements, I'd also like to thank Graeme Langdon for operating the temporary bar and making sure that no one went thirsty.

The Board has agreed to have an official 'Opening of the Bar' to both celebrate our new facility and acknowledge the efforts of all those involved. We are hopeful that our local council member will be available to perform the official opening duties. The date is yet to be determined but likely to be in October.

Whilst on the subject of club house improvements, the Board is committed to continuing to improve the appeal and functionality of our club house. New storage cupboards have been installed along the wall that faces the car park which will allow us to remove a lot of clutter. Also a new larger notice board is to be installed above the cupboards. The remaining pine cladding is to be painted white (at council's cost). The overhead ceiling fans will be replaced and the ceiling repainted. It is also planned to revamp the office layout and replace the current furniture.

The club syllabus for the 2018/19 season should be available in the 1st week of September. This year Linda Bowkett volunteered to take over the role of editing and preparing the syllabus for publication. Linda has, under the guidance of Charlie, also volunteered to take over the very important role of managing the club's membership. We are indeed very

fortunate to have Linda willing and able to assist in these very important back office tasks.

As you would be aware, the Board made a decision to pursue the services of a paid club coach. This direction was received very positively when announced to members. We were very fortunate to receive a very strong application from Haydn Smith who was subsequently appointed as head coach. Haydn has made his services available for coaching Thursday through to Sunday. If you want one on one coaching or advice, please contact Haydn.

The Pennant Draw is now out and can be viewed on our web site. The 1st Tuesday pennant match commences on 25 September and Saturday pennant on 6 October. There is no Pennant on Saturday 26 January 2019 due to Australia Day. To make up the lost day, there is a double header scheduled on Saturday the 8 December and Sunday 9 December 2018.

The Conditions of Play (CoP) have also been released. Given that more clubs are playing music during pennant matches, the following playing condition has been added: *"Playing of music during matches is acceptable so long as the level of music does not interfere or impact on the conduct of the game. Music can add to the ambiance of the competition however the level of sound needs to be acceptable to both Side Mangers."* Also, the CoP clarifies the use of electronic devices: *"Electronic devices are not permitted on greens during play (that includes radios, ipods, and any other electronic devices). However, if a player has a legitimate reason to have their phone on them. For example, a looming personal emergency or being on call*

for medical or emergency agency. Then this player must inform the umpire of the day prior to the game starting and let their opponent know. In these situations, the phone or pager needs to be on vibrate and calls taken on the bank away from play." Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish our members all the best for the coming bowls pennant season. I'm very confident that we'll experience a very successful season across all grades.

Greg Woods

Pennant Availability

Thank you to those who have nominated to play pennant this season. Availability sheets are now available. If you have nominated to play pennant and are unavailable on a particular date/s please fill in the appropriate sheet at the club.

Pennant practice

We are only going to improve our bowls if we practice so please make the effort to join your team mates at pennant training each Thursday from 4.00pm until 6.30pm and each Sunday 11am to 12.15pm. Our Head Coach Haydn will run drill sessions as well as being available to assist you in improving your bowls.

Intra-Club Practice Matches

The following intra-club practice matches have been scheduled:

Tuesday

4/9 – 1st side playing Cheltenham at Cheltenham. 2nd side playing Cheltenham at Parkdale

11/9 – 1st side playing Mordialloc at Parkdale. 2nd side playing Mordialloc at Mordialloc

18/9 – 1st side playing Carrum at Carrum. 2nd side playing Carrum at Parkdale

Saturday

1/9 – Squad to play at Hampton.

Those not playing will participate in Intra Club Matches

8/9 - 1st side playing Cheltenham at Cheltenham. 2nd side playing Cheltenham at Parkdale

15/9 – Practice match playing Swan Hill at Swan Hill. Practice matches playing Sandringham at Parkdale and Sandringham for those not going to Swan Hill

22/9 – 1st side playing Edithvale at Edithvale. 2nd side playing Edithvale at Parkdale

Grand final Eve

28/9 – Twilight practice matches (2 sides) playing Moorabbin at Parkdale (commencing 3.30 -4pm)

To assist with selection, please put you name down on the Availability Sheets if you are available to play.



Social Committee report - Linda Bowkett

The Social Committee has met regularly throughout the 'off season' to organise and confirm social events for the 2018 – 19 Pennant Season. We have a few which we would like to share with members for the remainder of this year, so you can put them in your diary.

1. Swan Hill Tournament 15th

September – a great initiative organised by our new Coach Haydn Smith. A social game against Swan Hill. Drive up Friday night (bus organised or drive yourself), stay overnight Friday and Saturday and return Sunday. Details are in the clubrooms.

2. Jack's '100th' Celebration, 23rd September

– Martin (Jack's son) is organising a celebration of Jack's milestone at the club, 2:30 – 4:30pm. Martin and the family invites all members to attend if they can. There is an attendance sheet in the clubrooms to assist with catering. Look forward to see in you there.

3. Grand Final Eve 28th September (Public Holiday)

– a new initiative has been organised by our Tournament Committee. A Parkdale vs. Moorabbin social game. 3:30pm start with pizza afterwards. \$5 to participate. Flyer and attendance sheet are in the clubrooms. Please support this inaugural event as we hope to make an annual event.

4. Trivia Night, 5th October 7pm start

– please put this date in your diary. We postponed the event in July, so this is going to be our big event for the year! Brenda and Bill have created new questions which will challenge us. See details on the flyer in the clubrooms. Attendance sheet available to book a seat or tables, to assist us with catering. Cash prizes for the winning table, door prize and great raffle items up for grabs! This is always a great night so please support.

5. Melbourne Cup Day 6th November – 'Chicken & Champagne Lunch'. We'll have our sweep board in the

clubrooms ready for you to enter. More details to follow. Look out for the flyer in the club rooms.

6. Xmas Dinner and Entertainment, 7th December, 7pm – a new entertainer and caterer have been booked for the evening. Look out for the flyer in the club rooms. No attendance sheet to book a seat or table at the moment but we will be looking at a \$40 payment 'up front' a week before. Xmas Hampers Raffles will be on display prior to the date for purchase.

Don't forget after the first Pennant games for the season, Tuesday and Saturday, come back to the Club for nibbles to catch up with everyone, after our 'Winter Siesta'.



Barefoot Bowls report - Bill Bushby

The Barefoot Bowls Season for Spring 2018 will commence on Thursday 11th October with an introduction for any new bowlers as well as an opportunity for not-so-new bowlers to hone up on their skills. This season we will be holding only one introduction session. The season proper will commence on Thursday 18th October and will run for eight weeks before the finals night

which will be held on Thursday 13th December. Because we have only one week introduction we can have one more week of competition. There are currently 28 teams who have shown some degree of interest in playing this season which is more than we can accommodate. Probably some won't continue with their interest but I think we will still have more than the green can handle. Sadly, this means that one or more teams will miss out. However, we are looking forward to another successful competition.



A Little Bowls Humour

Bowls - Mysterious and ancient game played by people old enough to know better, using balls carefully designed to go in the wrong direction!

Lead - "How much am I short?"

Skip - "You ought to know, you're closer to it".

If your skip wants an opinion, he'll give it to you.

I rang up my local bowling club, I said "Is that the local bowling club?", He said "It depends where you're calling from".

Quote -

Please accept my resignation, I don't want to belong to any club that will accept me as a member! - Groucho Marx 1895 - 1977

Trading Table

The trading table will open for business really soon - as soon as we are back to normal in the club house. We will need donations of clean and respectable things - things you would want to buy yourselves such as cds, dvds, books, jewellery, accessories. Please leave things tidily in the office to be priced. Any queries, please ring Brenda Bushby. Thank you. :)

Welfare Report - Jane Ford & Erica Jones



We are once again in the season of training for Pennant games. During the year we have had a number of members with back, shoulder, knee and foot injuries. It is so important for us to remember that before and after we bowl we need to do **some warming up and cooling down exercises to prepare our bodies before and after the game**. Shortly we will be emailing everyone some exercises that may help.

We look forward to **celebrating with Jack Royce** as he celebrates his **100th birthday**. All members and partners of the Parkdale Bowling club are welcome to attend. Please put your name on the list in the club rooms.

Jack has been with the club for 23 years and encourages each of us with his positive smile and confident bowling.

A number of members have had family members pass away during the past few months. We send our best wishes to Chris Worledge, William Belt, Ray Noble, Malcolm Densten and Matt McCraw.

Marion Villiers has moved to an aged care facility in Portarlington, the phone number is 52586892 if anyone who remembers her would like to give her a call.

John Kors sent a card thanking everyone for his time in the club. He has a bad back and won't be renewing his membership.

As we mentioned before several member have had back, hip and shoulder issues some resulting in the use of a bowler's arm. We are very thankful for bowler's arms as they allow us to continue with the game. Best wishes to Francis Hung, Linda Bowkett, Tamara Foord, Yvonne Hobson, Brenda Bushby, Hazel Trant and Irene Bincow who have suffered from these injuries during the past few months.

We send our love to Heather Rowe and John Watson who have been in hospital recently. John is now in rehabilitation and working hard to regain his strength. As John has been very involved in the renovations George has been updating him with photos of the progress. We wish Maureen strength and encouragement as she supports John's recovery process.

We are sad to report the passing of Karen Laurent after a very short illness. Karen along with her husband Ian have been active Bare foot bowlers.

We send the Laurent family our sympathy and support at this difficult time in their lives.

A **thank you** to Martin Royce for working on 6 of our chairs to make them sturdier for members who find it easier to sit on the bank and step down to the green, we appreciate his support.

Medical Forms:

A system is now in place to store relevant medical information in the event of an injury or medical condition occurring whilst playing bowls at the club or away. The information stored at the club is in a locked file to respect privacy. **Please fill in a medical form and give it to either Jane Ford or Yvonne Hobson.** When filling in my own form I realised that it would be important for a paramedic to know what medications I am on and that my left arm cannot be used for the taking of blood or blood pressure.

Please review your own situation and take steps to protect your wellbeing.

Your form will be copied and given back to you in a red envelope to be placed in your bowling bag along with a red key ring to identify your bag. Team managers at the club will be given a key to access the file in an emergency. If you are away and have medication in your bag please inform a member of your team.

Whether you are bowling socially or in pennant we hope that you continue to enjoy the game and put some exercises in place to protect yourself.

Happy Bowling
Jane and Erica



Mahjong



Mahjong is played at the club every Monday at 1.00 to 4.00 pm. Please come along to join in. You will be very welcome and shown how to play by fellow bowlers and friends. And it's **FREE!!!**

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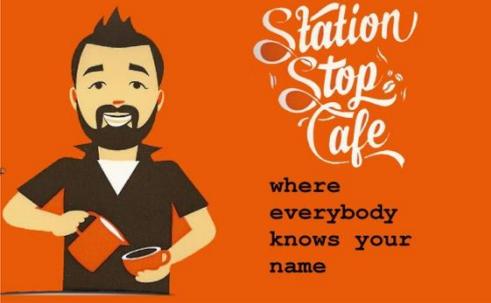




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