



# Parkdale

## the village green



July to October 2019

### Newsletter of Parkdale Bowling & Social Club



#### President's Report

Or at least a brief report from the Vice-President on behalf of the President, who is uncontactable, somewhere near Broome, and will so remain for the next three months or so. Don't worry Mick, the club is running smoothly without you!

A very big thank you to all who have taken up positions on the Board and the various committees. Likewise to the large number of unsung heroes, who help prepare the Green, assist in the kitchen and do all the other important jobs that keep the Club running smoothly.

A special welcome to our new members, Rod Haverfield, Tim Checken, Don Archibald and Nigel Hands. Would all members, new and old, make sure that they complete the pennant availability lists in the clubhouse as soon as possible. This is now pretty urgent, for the reasons Greg alludes to in his report.

As advised at the AGM, we are extremely lucky that Motafix Mentone is sponsoring the purchase of a new uniform. There are sample shirts in the office, so please make sure that you try them on and add your name and requirements to the list. The uniform committee is in full swing and hopefully will producing some preferred designs soon.

Winter bowls is in full swing, and whilst the numbers on Wednesday are good, there are fewer rinks being used on Saturday

because local clubs are running their own competitions. I would urge all members to try and bowl on Saturdays as often as possible and to urge members from other clubs to come to sunny Parkdale and have a roll.

Michael Hermitage

#### From the Secretary - Greg Woods

##### Pennant Season – 2019/20

It's hard to believe that the new pennant season is only 3 months away. Already, work is under way to prepare for the pennant season, including arranging inter-club practice matches. Members have been requested to submit their interest in playing next season. Based on the level of interest received, we have 57 members available for Saturday pennant and 32 members available for Tuesday pennant. Given these numbers, it is likely that for Saturday pennant we will enter 3 full sides plus a 4<sup>th</sup> side of 6 and for Tuesday pennant two full sides plus a 3<sup>rd</sup> side of 6. It is unfortunate that we don't quite have the numbers to enter full teams across both pennant days. Being mindful that half sides experience regular byes and walkovers, we will explore options to combine the half sides with another club.

As with previous seasons, pennant practice will commence the first Sunday morning in August – 4<sup>th</sup> commencing at 11am. An email

communication will be sent to members closer to the date. Bowls Victoria have released the following key dates for the forthcoming pennant season:

**Saturday Pennant**

Round 1	5 Oct
Final Match Pre-Christmas	21 Dec
First Match Post-Christmas	25 Jan
Round 18	7 Mar

**Tuesday Pennant**

Round 1	1 Oct
Final Match Pre- Christmas	17 Dec
First Match Post-Christmas	21 Jan
Round 18	10 Mar

**Reg Lewis Memorial Tournament** (by Greg Woods –on behalf of the Tournament Committee)

The Reg Lewis Memorial Tournament was held under bright blue skies on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May. The event was well attended with 9 rinks in use. It was fabulous that the event was supported by visitors representing 5 clubs and also to hear such positive feedback to the event from them. Once again we were privileged to have Stephen and Dianne Lewis attend as our special guests.

The hosting of the event would not be made possible without the generous sponsorship of Buxton Mentone. On this note I'd like to take the opportunity to thank Wes Belt (Director – Buxton Mentone) for his ongoing support of this event over a long period of time. I would also like to warmly acknowledge William Belt, who in difficult circumstances, made himself available to make a presentation on behalf of Buxton Mentone and present the prizes to the winning teams. Through Reg Lewis' association, Eisteddfod by the Bay sponsor an 'Encouragement Award' which was presented by Stephen Lewis. This year's recipient is Blake McKenzie – who as our youngest male bowler made tremendous improvement during the year. Congratulations to Blake.

A lot of organisation went into hosting this event and I'd like to thank my co-organiser Gavin Watkins for his assistance. Bill Bushby stepped in and did a

magnificent job in not only recording the scores after each round, but also having to apply his mathematical skills in having to decide the winning team for each of the rounds. Didn't know scoring was meant to be so complicated!

The Social Committee did a fabulous job in presenting the club rooms in such grand style. The afternoon tea was superb, especially those scones made by Leonie Toman. A big thank you and well done to all those volunteers (too many to name) who assisted behind the scenes – from setting up the rooms, organising afternoon tea, preparing the greens, helping in the kitchen, serving behind the bar and cleaning up afterwards. We couldn't have done it without your help. As you would expect, the event was keenly contested with the results after each round being displayed on the TV screen. Congratulations to all teams who participated and to those fortunate enough to take home some prize money.



Blake McKenzie receiving the 2019 Encouragement Award from Stephen Lewis



Sponsor William Belt from Buxton, Mentone



1st Game Winners - Heather and Bruce Rowe & Michael Finn



Tournament Runners- Up Nathan Willett, Sheena Gilbert & Bruce Willett



2nd Game Winners - Marty Ledwidge, Larry Deutsch & Jan Kirkby



Tournament Winners Archie Murdoch, Peter Snyders & "Chuckles" Faulkner



3rd Game Winners Jeanette Michaux, Ian Christiansen & Bev Maunder

**President's and Presentation Day** by Greg Woods

An important day on our calendar of events is our President's and Presentation Day, which we held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Congratulations to all the winners of our Club Championship events. Also well done to our members who were represented with Veteran Badges and Awards by Lyn Goodchild (our Sandbelt Regional Representative). This included Daryl Gray and Ian Thomas (80 year old badges) and Margaret Newell (90 year old certificate).

It was fabulous to have 8 past presidents in attendance to share this special occasion with us.



Lyn Goodchild from Sandbelt Region presenting Veteran's Badges (80 years) to Darryl Gray and Ian Thomas



New Bowler Championship Runner Up - Blake McKenzie  
New Bowler Championship Champion - Martin Royce (absent)



Lyn Goodchild presenting Veteran's Award (90 years) to Margaret Newell



Mixed Pairs Runners Up Yvonne Hobson & Tony Wright (absent)



"Eight" Badge winners Jeanette Williamson, Blake McKenzie, Mary Lake & Jim Walker



Mixed Pairs Champions - Lorraine Gray and Nathan Willett



"Eight" Badge winners Ken Bastin, Mary Lake, Jim Walker & Thomas Cole (absent)



Ladies Pairs Runners-Up - Yvonne Hobson & Linda Bowkett (absent)



Ladies Pairs Champions - Jeanette Williamson & Mary Lake



Mixed Triples Champions - John Perry, Kerri Mowat & Bruce Willett



Men's Pairs Runners-Up - John Perry & Mick Supple



Men's Minor Runner -Up - Greg Woods



Men's Pairs Champions - Nathan Willett & Frank Bentley



Men's Minor Champion - Jim Walker



Mixed Triples Runners-Up - Ian Thomas, Jeff Robertson (absent) & Steve Clifford (absent)



Men's Proportional Runner -Up - Nathan Willett

Men's Proportional Champion - Martin Royce (Absent)



Ladies Singles Runner - Up - Kerri Mowat



Ladies Singles Champion - Erica Jones

Men's Singles Runner -Up - Haydn Smith (absent)



Men's Singles Champion - Mick Supple

### From the Secretary (continued)

The post pennant season has been busy with the running of several events. Thank you to all those who contributed to the planning, organising and running of these events.

The Club hosted a Members' Information Session on 3 May which was attended by over 20 members. At the session, the following important announcements were made:

- Reappointment of Haydn Smith as Head Coach

- Appointment of Nathan Willett as Bowls Manager
- Members of the Saturday and Tuesday Selection Committees

These appointments are important and will go a long way to setting us up for a successful 2019/2020 pennant season. They will be responsible for making any changes to the Club's selection policy and pennant scoring system.

Through the kind sponsorship of Mota Fix Mentone the club will be introducing a new club shirt design which will be made available to all club members at no cost. The committee is close to finalising the design options for presenting to the Board for a final design decision to be made. Hopefully we can share the new design with members by the end of July.

The AGM was held on 19 May and attended by 39 members with 13 apologies. At the AGM the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer were elected unopposed. There was a ballot held for the vacant 2 Board positions (3 nominations). Members present at the AGM elected Y. Hobson and M. Hermitage to the vacant Board positions. This means that the Board remains unchanged for 2019/2020. The Saturday and Tuesday Selection Committees as well as the Bowls Manager role were pre-nominated by Board. The positions for sub-committee roles were as nominated and elected unopposed. I like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have volunteered for the various committee roles. The club could not function without the fabulous support of our volunteer members. Refer to table below for members elected to these roles.

### OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEES – 2019/2020

Office/Committee	Persons Elected
President	Mick Supple
Secretary	Greg Woods

Treasurer	George Soumilas
Board	Michael Hermitage, Yvonne Hobson, Carol Miller, Jane Ford
Auditor	Hain Peller
Bowls Manager	Nathan Willett
Umpire Co-Ordinator	Nathan Willett
Works/Maintenance	Damien Millerd, John Perry, Tony Wright
Tournament	Gavin Watkins, Greg Woods
Saturday Selection	Haydn Smith, John Meyer, Frank Bentley, Carol Miller
Tuesday Selection	Francis Hung, Michael Hermitage, Jim Walker, Linda Bowkett
Summer Bowls	Gavin Watkins, Greg Woods
Bar Committee	Graeme Langdon, Carol Miller, Matt O'Brien, Jim Walker, Greg Woods, Mick Supple, Stephen Clifford, John Perry, Bob Sheehan
Greens Committee	Daryl Gray, Nathan Willett, Damien Millerd, John Perry
Gardens Committee	Damien Millerd, John Perry, Noel Callahan

Uniform Officer	Carol Miller
Winter Bowls	Gavin Watkins, Michael Hermitage
Barefoot Bowls	Bill Bushby, Brenda Bushby, Henri Van Muster, Agnes Gabriel, Ian Thomas
Welfare	Jane Ford, Yvonne Hobson
Newsletter	Brenda Bushby
Webmaster	Michael Woods
Social Media	Michael Woods
Providor	Jeff Robertson, Lorraine Gray
Social Committee	Yvonne Hobson, Hazel Trant-Hung, Jane Ford
Sponsorship	Mick Supple, Michael Hermitage
Venue Hire	Greg Woods

The Board has also made formal submissions to Kingston Council to co-fund two capital works programs – asphaltting the car park and installing additional shelters. As part of the submission, the club has agreed to fund 25% of the cost, which is well within the club's financial capacity. There is no guarantee that the Council will agree to fund these programs, but if you don't ask you'll never get. Fingers crossed for a successful outcome as these will make a tremendous difference to the club. Finally I'd like to wish all those members who have taken the opportunity to escape the Melbourne winter all the very best with your travel plans. Look forward to catching up with

everyone one in the coming months as we approach a new pennant season.

### **From the Head Coach - Haydn Smith**

One can only describe the 2018-19 bowls season at Parkdale as very successful. With each loss in the respective final games of an individual member's season; whether that game was the last home and away match, or a loss in a final, there was disappointment. Members were disappointed they didn't make the finals. Members were disappointed they lost a final and didn't go to the next contest. And to feel that pain is a natural expression. As a coach it is a healthy sign of the members will to achieve and succeed. And at those various stages I also felt the anguish of not going to the next battle. But if you step back and analyze the big picture after the raw emotion has dampened somewhat, you can see the steps our club made in 2018-19. You can see the achievements as a club and as individuals. Not all those successes were direct bowls achievements. From the outset of my appointment as head of Coaching, the process has been about harmony. To not have harmony, you have chaos. Members were accepting of this process, not only because it makes sense, but the membership is already a sociable, harmonious and friendly bunch of people. But of course, at various times, personal disappointment or raw emotions surface. This is understandable, but as a club we are now more conscious of the harm these break-out emotional issues can cause in our pursuit of harmony. And I am not just talking about on the green.

We know our basic set up on game-day. The lead has a role, the second has a role and the third has a role. The skipper, in his/her role, will guide those other players in an effort to achieve the best out of those individual players and to achieve a positive outcome for the overall team.

If the second is called to play a shot by the skip, and doesn't see clear passage, it is not the role of the second to play his or her own shot. The second can politely wait on the mat and ask if he/she can come to the head to see the shot described by the skipper. When going to the head, it is not the second's role to argue with the skipper about playing the shot requested. But when arriving at the head, the second maybe enlightened to realize that the obstructing bowl he/she was concerned about was not actually in the draw line, and he/she can now play the shot requested by the skipper with confidence.

That is process and harmony. Each player has played their respective role. Each player has respected the other player as a person and respected the role that each plays. We have all seen players from opposing clubs arguing amongst themselves about which shot should be played, or being called on the wrong shot. We have seen skippers abusing their team or turning his/her back after a shot is played. It is an ugly look. But that doesn't just apply on the green. This process should also be carried out throughout the club. With members respecting each other and be mindful of the role they play within the club and the role others play. To criticize a club member or speak ill of a decision made by a particular committee is undermining the club values. Just like out on the green, individuals that wish to raise an issue should follow process. Members are of course entitled to a say. After all, it is your club. But members need to follow a process, to maintain the harmony within the club. If everyone is on the same page, and each member is playing their role, Parkdale Bowling Club can achieve so much more. Members that choose not to follow that process are failing their fellow members and the club as a whole. As such, corrective action would have to be taken against such behaviour.

Last season all teams were competitive in their various sections. Most teams were on the cusp of playing finals. Some

sides even playing finals. There was excitement within the club at the tail end of the season, rather than teams playing "dead rubbers". In 2019-20, I want to see us take further steps to improve our standing as a playing group and enhance the reputation of the Parkdale Bowling Club. Let's set our goals high. I believe we can achieve this by building on what we did last year. We know Parkdale is a great club, let's show others how good we are by our actions on the green in 2019-20.

As an old football coach of mine often said,

**TEAM: Together Everyone Achieves More.**

### Barefoot Bowls report - Bill Bushby

The 2019 Barefoot Bowls spring season is approaching rapidly. It will be on us before we know. The season will commence on Thursday 11th October and conclude with the playing of the finals on Thursday 12th December. We are proposing that we dispense with the "orientation week" where people who are new to the game learn about it because there are now only a few of them. They will be given the opportunity to learn before then. This means there will be nine rounds of competition.

We discovered from experience last season that the maximum number of teams we can cater for is twenty two. Any more means that some teams will have three byes and in a nine week season that seems to be a bit excessive. So we will be restricting entries to twenty two teams.

In an attempt to make it a little more interesting we are considering splitting the competition into two divisions so that the teams in the top half of the ladder last season only play each other as do the teams in the other half of the ladder. Any new teams will join in the other half of the ladder. A system of promotion and relegation will be introduced. This idea will be canvassed with all the participants before the season starts.

Below are photos of champions and runners up for the 2019 summer season.



Dave Fiona Kel  
Parkdale Barefoot Champions April 2019



Wayne Kerri Andrew  
Parkdale Barefoot Runners-up April 2019



Winners are Grinner!

### Social Committee report - Yvonne Hobson

April and May were busy months for the Social Committee. President's Day was held in April and it was a full house.

Members enjoyed playing a game of Bowls followed by afternoon tea with present and past Presidents of the Club. **CONGRATULATIONS** to all members who won or were 'runners up' in the Club Championships. It was wonderful to see everyone's efforts recognised on this special day. The Anzac Summer Shield was held on April 25th and members were treated to Anzac Day Biscuits. Congratulations to the winners who will have their names added to the prestigious Anzac Day Shield.

In May, the Reg Lewis Day was held and once again it was a full house. This special day was sponsored by **William Belt and Buxton Real Estate**. Well done to everyone who participated in the games of Bowls. Congratulations to Blake McKenzie who won this year's Encouragement Award which was presented to him by Reg Lewis's son, Stephen Lewis. Thank you to Therese Supple and Gaynor Thomas who took control in the kitchen so Hazel and I could play. Thanks to Sheena Gilbert, Leonie Toman, Carol Miller and Linda Bowkett who also helped with the food, setting up and cleaning up. You all did a sterling job, ladies. Special thanks to Leonie who also made 84 lemonade scones for this event!!! Thanks to everyone else who helped out one way or another.

#### **Events planned for the rest of the year:**

- \* A Melbourne Cup Sweep will be run at the Members Draw on Friday November 1st, 2019.
- \* Our annual Trivia Night will be held in November (date to be confirmed ). The actual date will be posted on the Display Board closer to the time.
- \* Our Christmas Celebration will be held in the Club Rooms on Saturday December 15th (TBC), after the last Saturday Pennant Game before Christmas.

Keep enjoying your bowling through the Winter months.  
Yvonne Hobson

#### **Welfare Report - Jane Ford and Yvonne Hobson**

Since the Annual general report in April we are pleased to announce that we have experienced a healthy few months.

It is good to see Bruce Gilbert up and around following his back operation and we wish him continued good health. Best wishes to Lorraine and Darryl who have both suffered from injuries, Darryl to the hip and Lorraine to her foot hopefully they will be fully recovered soon.

We send our condolences to Archie Murdoch on the loss of a family member recently.

William Belt continues to have treatment three times a week and this is a tiring experience, we send our support and best wishes.

We encourage you to keep playing through the winter to keep up your enthusiasm, training and fitness. Keep healthy,

Jane and Yvonne



Steve and Mick focusing on bowls-NOT!!!!  
(submitted by Yvonne Hobson)

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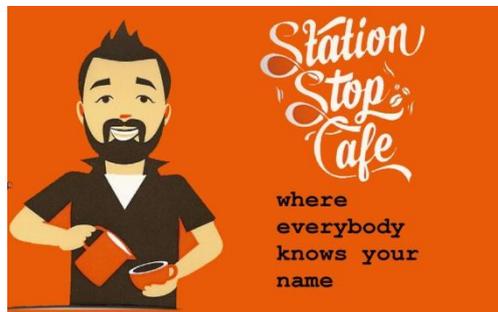
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