



BOWLER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"Winners are Grinners". Congratulations to Side 2 on their win against Vermont South (Sat 27th Feb). Unfortunately they went down to Mooroolbark on Sunday by 9 shots. However as a result of their participation in the finals they will now be promoted to Division 2. Commiserations to Side 1 who went down fighting to Mooroolbark but still retain their place in Division 2. Hopefully next year we will see other sides in finals contention.

What a month it has been. After the Club House was struck by lightning on the afternoon of Thursday 11 February we have had numerous problems occurring around the Club, from lights failure on A green to security system malfunction and switch failure in our control board for the greens watering system and now wiring problems to our sprinklers.

All these matters have or are being addressed thanks to a lot of work by a number of members including 'electrical expert' George Bosomworth, Barry Sleep, Michael Harvey, Betty Callow and others. Many thanks to you all - hopefully we have seen the end to all these problems. Work has now begun on investigating possible insurance claims, 'fingers crossed'.

PS I think we have a dead rat/possum in the roof that may have also been 'zapped' by the strike. We are checking it out.

WATER TANKS

A final presentation, including working documents, was presented by VIS to several

of our Grounds and Greens Committee on Thursday 25th February. Delivery of replacement tank water is being undertaken in the week commencing 1st March.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Secretary Tom has placed notices around the Club regarding our AGM in April. (It's closer than you think). Board positions will also be displayed and I encourage members to consider these positions and seek information on them. We now have a comprehensive "Manual of Procedure" (position description) to help in understanding one's involvement. Do not hesitate to contact Secretary Tom or any Board member for details. It's your Club and 'nothing beats being Involved'.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

A special Board meeting was held on Monday 22nd Feb to again discuss this subject with a final review at the March meeting and report back to Tony Hills and his committee.

VICE PRESIDENT – ACTIVITIES

It is disappointing to report that VP Bob Bywater has resigned from the Board for personal reasons. VP Bob's contribution was very much appreciated by all Board members, whilst appreciating that at times it was somewhat frustrating. We trust that Bob will consider a further role at Board level in the future. Many thanks Bob.

THE WEDNESDAY PHANTOM

It has come to my attention that in recent weeks a 'phantom' appears to be operating in our slopes area, and is removing the list of names for the ladies Wednesday Triples for no apparent reason. I trust this is not some sort of 'practical joke' as it will be viewed most seriously by the Board.

BAR & CORPORATE EVENTS MANAGER

Your Board will be calling for these positions to be filled from within or outside on a reimbursement basis. The positions have been vacant for too long which has meant undue pressure on the small number of members covering these areas.

If you are interested - or know someone outside the Club who would be - please contact any member of the Board.

BOWLING WITH THE STARS

Thank you to the strong contingent of ladies who supported this event. The lack of male members was extremely disappointing as we are endeavouring to have a tournament built around next year's visit (all being well) by the BCIB Team and a good turn out of Club members would have shown that we were really serious. Thanks also to all those ladies who assisted with the catering arrangements on the day.

MEETING WITH COUNCIL

At last we have a date when the Board will meet with the Mayor, Recreation Services & hopefully their Executive Officer on Thursday the 11th March in the afternoon.

An agenda has been prepared and will be submitted to the Mayor prior to the meeting. Should any members have items for the Board to raise at this meeting please contact me on 9561 3824 (H) 0438 352 057 (M) or events@jeack.com.au (E)

INDOOR BOWLS

Brian Knox and I attended the AGM of our Indoor Bowls members on Monday 22nd February. We trust all members will have an enjoyable season and support the forthcoming Indoor promotion at the Glen.

The Board is committed to supporting this very important Bowls activity of our Club and encourage those who have not participated to do so, it is most enjoyable.

As we head to the conclusion of our Summer Program and commencement of our Winter Program may I wish all members good bowling but most importantly - enjoy your bowls.

Harvie Hele
President

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VICE PRESIDENT – ADMINISTRATION

Now that pennant has finished we can look forward to enjoying social bowls with all members of our club. I will briefly cover items that have come to my attention since the last newsletter.

END OF PENNANT DINNER

Feedback from this event has all been positive. Ken's Catering was his usual high standard. Marilyn covered new arrangements for Ladies Pennant season 2010-2011.

CATERING

Sue Rees came up with a great idea in scones, jam & cream to be served at the weekend of the men's RVBA semi-finals. Thanks to all who helped make rolls and assisted on these two days.

CLUB NAME ON PENNANT SHIRTS

Members wishing to have their shirts embroidered please leave them in the main office Monday mornings between 9.00am – 11.00am.

MEMBER CONDUCT

Recently it has come to my attention that we still have episodes of what could be termed as "verbal abuse" occurring between members. We need to remember as ADULTS we would like to be treated with respect and consideration at all times. Members please do not ignore these issues but let the Board know in person or in writing so that steps can be taken to stop this from happening in the future.

MEMBERS COMMENTS

Members with any ideas or comments are welcome to submit them to the Board or the various committees.

In closing a big thank you to all our willing volunteers.

Marilyn, Betty and Sue thanks for your assistance and friendship throughout the season.

Carole Klop
Vice President - Administration

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THE DIRECTION OF BOWLS

Have you given any thought to the Club's bowling program? This is the very core of our membership, satisfaction and enjoyment at the Club. At this moment the Program Committee is starting to put together all of those items that constitute next season's calendar of events.

We are indebted to Marilyn Russell for the amount of time that she devotes to this large task. Thank you Marilyn.

We have already found items in this season's program that could have been placed on a better date. You may have noted others that are inappropriate for reasons that the Committee is unaware of. You may know of more suitable events that you would like to see included.

I must also record again disappointment with attendances at social type bowls. Are you aware of types of events which may prove more attractive to members?

We are a Bowls Club and as such we must present an opportunity as often as possible for all members to play bowls. I can see no sense in diluting the program to the extent that the greens remain vacant when members should be given the opportunity to play bowls **at Glen Waverley**.

In conjunction with our program should we be more active in enticing players from other Clubs to play at Glen Waverley? It is a tight market for players therefore we need some radical progressive thinking regarding types of events and strong attractive advertising.
Can you help?

We welcome your thoughts that will help improve our program. Would you like to join the Program Committee? Please contact Marilyn Russell, Sue Rees, Richard Hall, Ray Carey or me.

May I congratulate the ladies with regard to the Friendship Day conducted on Tuesday the 16th February. Good response, glowing reports about the day. Well done Sue Rees, Carole Klop and all those who helped make it such a great event.

The next two Friendship Days which promise to be equally successful are on Tuesday 16th March and Friday 16th April. These days are not shown in the program book, so write them in now so that you do not forget them.

The other new regular event is the Ladies' Wednesday Triples. This has been most popular with the group playing and now that Tuesday pennant has come to an end I might advise you to get your name entered early as space will be limited.

The next Bendigo Bank Mixed Triples Jackpot Sunday is on Sunday, 14th March and the jackpot stands at \$300.00. The final Jackpot Sunday in the summer season is on Sunday 11th April and the jackpot on that day, no matter what its value, must be won and numbers will be drawn until a winner is found.

Good Bowling.

Brian Knox - Bowls Director

MEMBERSHIP

Try Bowls Evening, Monday 1 February

We had 29 visitors including the Coordinator of the Council's PALS program. The promotion of the event was successful in that 12 visitors resulted from The Glen Display, 8 from our Waverley Road signs, 4 from the PALS booklet distribution and 4 were members' friends. We got 6 signed Application Forms on the night - 3 men and 3 ladies and coaching has commenced.

INDOOR BIAS BOWLS SECTION

The Section Committee has contacted all new members and invited them to participate in the comprehensive Indoor bowls program as detailed in the Club handbook.

That Committee has also arranged a display at Centro The Glen for Wednesday, 14 April to Friday 16 April 2010.

Unfortunately Centro Management refused permission for the use of an indoor mat with wood surrounds for this promotion – despite the Section previously using that equipment at Centro Management's request for their "Nanna's Week", and we had been approached for its use in a "Lifestyle" promotion the Centre unsuccessfully tried to organize in 2009.

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM 2010/11

The Membership Committee has reviewed the 2009/10 program and has revised aspects of the activities for next season. Centro The Glen Management has been contacted regarding display dates and, when confirmed, the 2010/11 program will be forwarded for inclusion in the new handbook.

This being the last contribution of the Membership Committee for 2009/10 season I wish to thank Pam Theobald, Des & Kay Ansons, Tom Martin, Terry Fuller, Jim Pollard and Terri Marley for their support and contributions to the program. Thanks also to our Club coaches, mentors, and all members who assisted at The Glen and on Try Bowls events.

Safe travel to the nomads and overseas tourists during the coming months – come back refreshed and enthused for the Club's activities in 2010/11.

Bert Lambe - Membership Director

FACILITIES REPORT

WORKING BEES

It would be appreciated if any ladies have a couple of hours to spare on the first Monday of each month, from approximately 9.30 am onwards, just to do a general tidy up of the kitchen and inside the building. In April the tidy up will be done on the second Monday due to Easter.

A couple of weeks ago we gave the windows a good clean and I would like to thank Carole Klop, Pat Joint, Lorraine Knox and Pat Campbell for their help. Many hands make light work!

As you have probably seen there have been a few maintenance jobs done around the clubhouse. We are trying to keep on top of things however, something always needs to be done.

I would also like to thank Gina for her flower arrangements – they look great.

Betty Callow
Director – Facilities

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VLBA SECTION PENNANT REPORT

At the completion of the 2009/10 Tuesday pennant season I trust it has been an enjoyable one for our players, and particularly the new bowlers. I want to thank each and every one of you for your participation and co-operation throughout the season – I know it is not always easy when we move you around, but we only do it when we have to. I appreciate that the last month or so has been particularly hot, and this has created difficulties for some ladies.

The final ladder position of our sides is:

Side 1	4th
Side 2	3rd
Side 3	3rd
Side 4	7th
Side 5	9th
Side 6	7th

A number of our sides have had their 'ups and downs' throughout the season, with sides four, five and six having difficult draws, coming up against quite a few higher numbered sides. Side five, who started the season very strongly, look to be facing relegation. As in past seasons we have struggled for players on a number of occasions, but thanks to our faithful emergencies, and other obliging members we have always been able to field our sides.

I would like to thank each member of the Selection Committee, Jenny Edmonds, Di Godson, Audrey Hele and Pat Joint for their help and support, and for the time they have so willingly given during the season. Finally, I would like to thank all of you for the support, and encouragement, you have given to me over the last few years.

We now look forward to season 2010/2011, and trust that you have put your name down to play. Have a happy and safe 'winter break' and we look forward to seeing you back here in September for the next season.

Julia Bolch
Chair of Selectors

SATURDAY BINGO
13th MARCH, 2010

EYES DOWN 8.00 PM

**CHICKEN DINNER AVAILABLE AT 7.00
PM**

**ENTRY FORMS ON THE SLOPES IN THE
ENTRANCE FOYER**

RVBA SECTION PENNANT

After 18 rounds the Club finished with mixed results. The 6th and 7th Sides finished seventh and eighth respectively. Both avoid relegation. These were good performances given that these sides bore the brunt of the high unavailability of players which resulted in perpetual changes to teams. Taking into account their tough draw, the 6th Side's results were arguably one of the Club's best performances this year.

The 3rd, 4th and 5th Sides had a disappointing season finishing in 9th and 10th positions. All have been relegated. Interestingly Side 5 had more individual team wins than either the 6th or 7th Sides but were unable to combine those team wins into as many side wins. As you can see there is not much in it.

Side	Team wins	Side wins
5	33	5
6	29	7
7	30	6

The 3rd Side were 5th on the ladder after Round 8 but never won a game after that.

The 1st and 2nd Sides have both made the sectional finals which will have been played by the time you read this. The 1st side scraped in by one point but have beaten all the other finalists this year. They have every chance to win the Section, promotion and a place in the divisional finals.

The 2nd Side finished second on the ladder and have a home final against Vermont South who they have beaten twice this season. The 2nd Side needs only to win the home game against the Mexicans to gain promotion. They also have an excellent opportunity to win the Section and a place in the divisional finals.

All support in the finals will be most welcome.

Dick McClelland
Chairman of Selectors

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PINEWOOD SHOPPING CENTRE

VLBA COACHING CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Thank you to a special team of people – our ladies coaches – who gave their time and commitment to ensure all our bowlers, new and experienced, had the best coaching available at all times.

To all social bowlers who played on Tuesday mornings and the sixth division who had byes. My grateful thanks to you all as each and every one of you played a part in making the season such an enjoyable and successful grounding for all bowlers involved, especially for the experience that the new bowlers were able to gain in team play.

Each and every one of you played a part in giving confidence to each other to continue enjoying a very successful season of bowls. I am proud and grateful to all those who participated in making the season a success.

Continue bowling, believing in yourselves and much success and happiness for your future with our Club.

Thank you all.

Barbara James
Coach Co-ordinator

WANTED

A VERY KIND PERSON WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO LOOK AFTER A HOUSE DOG IN THEIR OWN HOME (Bichon Frieze Maltese Terrier) FROM 16/08/2010 TO 06/09/2010 . WILLING TO PAY. ROD DE FRAGA - 9802 1732

A LETTER TO DAD

Dear Dad,

It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing you. I had to elope with my new girlfriend, because I wanted to avoid a scene with Mum and you.

I've been finding real passion with Stacy, and she is so nice, but I knew you would not approve of her, because of all her piercings, tattoos, her tight motorcycle clothes, and because she is so much older than I am.

But it's not only the passion, Dad. She's pregnant. Stacy said that we will be very happy. She owns a trailer in the woods, and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children.

Stacy has opened my eyes to the fact that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. We'll be growing it for ourselves, and trading it with the other people in the commune for all the cocaine and ecstasy we want.

In the meantime, we'll pray that science will find a cure for AIDS, so Stacy can get better. She sure deserves it!

Don't worry Dad, I'm 15, and I know how to take care of myself. Someday, I'm sure we'll be back to visit, so you can get to know your many grandchildren.

Love, your son, Joshua.

PS :

Dad, none of the above is true. I'm over at Jason's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the school report that's on the kitchen table.

Call when it is safe for me to come home.