



THE YARDSTICK



MEMBER NEWSLETTER

JAN 2020

BBQ & Smoker Draw

BBQs and smokers will be drawn every Friday from 21 Feb. See staff for details

Around the World Free Live Music

Live music, and food & drink from around the world. Starts Feb 29.

New Weekday Specials now on offer

See posters around Club for details.

Valentine's Day

See p3 for details. – bookings preferred

Parma for a farmer is still ongoing

So far, we have raised \$2026

New Uniforms Coming Soon

See back page for details

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BOWLERS WEBSITE

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OVENS & MURRAY WEBSITE

www.ovensmurray.bowls.com.au

Board Report

HALF YEARLY RESULT

We have had a very good first half of the financial year recording a profit of \$107,866 against our budget of \$68,368. Again, please remember these profit figures are not audited.

AREA BETWEEN GREENS B & C

We have now finalised the structure between B & C that will replace the present one. Due to the cost being over \$50,000 a General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th March 2020@ 7.30pm for the members to approve or disapprove with this structure. All components of the present structure, except the small round posts in the middle, will be used in other sections to provide shade in these sections.

REPLACEMENT LIGHTING FOR GREENS

The original cost of this was approximately \$15,000 which, after the contractor said he made a mistake, was increased to just under \$50,000. After further discussions this has now been reduced to \$35,000. The Board will be discussing at our next Board meeting if this expenditure is justified for the benefits, if any, the Club would receive by replacing the lights at this cost.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Major items that have been replaced at the Club are –

- Air-conditioning cassette in the gaming room;
- New ice machine;

- Replacement seating on Green A, which the Board thinks is very good and well done to Peter Brock;
- Two new gaming machines.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS

These grants are very important for the Club. They are for capital structures and bowls equipment. The Board is seeking members who would be willing to form a Grants Committee. This would involve the committee to continually be aware of any grants being given out by State or Federal Governments and filling in the paperwork to apply for these grants. If anyone is interested please see our CEO, Wendy, for further details.

AFFILIATION FEES WITH BOWLS VICTORIA

Wendy and I had a discussion with the management of Bowls Victoria putting forward our case for a refund as we were being overcharged on the system they use. This did not appear successful but in late December a refund payment of \$3,189 was received. The way they charge Affiliation fees will be changed next year.

WALL ART PROJECT

Rendering of the north brick wall is about to be done and this will be followed by the art work which was agreed to at the October AGM.

WAYNE NEYLON

Chairman of Directors

Outdoor Bowls Section

Happy New Year to all members. Unfortunate the weather has not been kind to us not to mention the devastating bushfires, which have also affected our pennant season. Our thoughts go out to any who have been impacted during this terrible

time and hope you can get back on your feet soon. We are thinking of you all.

Since the last Yardstick we have been involved in many activities. Firstly a mention of the Barefoot Bowls/Christmas parties held at BBC. The Outdoor Bowls Section have been closely involved with these events, which are of great benefit to the Club, and hopefully will produce some new members. Of particular note was the GoTAFE which saw over 220 people from all over the state descend on BBC. This was an incredible party and was a sight to behold. Another large one was LS Precast Concrete which had over 150. Unfortunately the bowls side was cancelled due to the weather and smoke in the air. In all we had 5 parties in December.

A thank you goes to Vice President Brendan Rettke for organising some member volunteers to clean and sort out the bowls in the bowls room in the greenkeepers' shed. Also thanks to Graham & Sue McNutt for arranging and obtaining 2 Stevenson's Screens & thermometers which are now housed in the bowls room to help with temperatures on pennant and tournament days.

On Friday 13th December 2019 the finals of the Club Championships Singles were held. The results were –

Armed Singles – Winner David Lindsay,
Runner Up Tony Williams

Men's Club Singles – Winner Chris Cooney,
Runner Up Darren Salan

Ladies' Club Singles – Winner Sharon Warfe,
Runner Up Karen Nicholls

Men's Minor Singles – Winner Ray Bradley,
Runner Up Chris Nicholls

Ladies' Minor Singles – Winner Marg
Felmingham, Runner Up Wendy Joseph

On Sunday 15th December 2019 the BBC OBS committee hosted the Ovens & Murray versus Goulburn Valley representative sides, both men and women, a total of 108 players and officials. The sides played 2 games with a BBQ lunch provided by the committee and helpers. BBC was represented by 4 women

and 4 men. Goulburn Valley won the men's section and Ovens & Murray won the women's section. A huge thank you to all who helped make this a terrific day, you know who you are.

Thank you to the 38 bowlers who played New Year's Day after the BBQ. Winners were J Dennis (skip), W Lockwood and P Taylor. Runners Up were G Lessing (skip) and R Sheppard. Also to the 42 bowlers who played in Pop & Doughie Hide Memorial Day & BBQ. Winners were B Rettke (skip), V Armstrong and T Marchant. Runners Up were W Neylon (skip), R Bickerton and V Wood

The 'Ham It Up' competition was a great success and even enticed yours truly onto the green for some fun. Congratulations go to Sharon Warfe for coming up with the concept. Look out for this next December.

Please note that Corporate Bowls will be starting up again on Wednesday 12th February 2020. President Ian Hobson, Vice President Brendan Rettke and several other members have been busy distributing flyers to all businesses in town and surrounds. If you wish to help out please contact President Ian direct or myself.

The last remaining Sundays for the Social Bowls & BBQ (2nd Feb, 16th Feb, 1st March and 15th March) will be going ahead, unless the weather lets us down again. The entry sheet for the next one is on the 'whiteboard' in the clubrooms. Also, the **Flyer for the Fundraiser** to be held on Sunday 23rd February 2020 and entry sheet is up on the whiteboard. Please support this important event. This year's recipient will be **Ivan Lister**, a very important person in the district for so many people.

Also look out for the 3 day tournament at the end of March, our "Autumn Carnival", and the 5-A-Side tournament on Easter Monday. Entry sheets on the 'whiteboard'.

We will be holding a raffle shortly which will be drawn on Presentation Night, Friday 24th April 2020. One of the prizes will be the set of Taylors bowls given to the club by Bowls Victoria for being a host for the Victorian Open.

21 Up, 100 Up and Pairs Club Championships are running at the moment. Please carefully check the dates each round has to be completed by and comply. If you are having trouble contacting your opponent let me know so I can sort it out. By not complying with the dates provided you hold up the competition for the rest of the members. If you are not able to play LET ME KNOW! Also if you have not paid your entry fees please put the fee in an envelope with all details written on the front and place in the tournament box or contact our Treasurer, Norma Edwards.

For members needing some coaching assistance, please contact Ian or Yvonne Capp direct by telephone or in person when you see them.

To any of our members and their family who may not be too well at the moment, we wish you a speedy recovery. To those who have lost someone we send our commiserations. If you have any news about our members please pass on the information direct to Norma Edwards, Welfare Officer.

TINA NEYLON

Secretary - Outdoor Bowls Section

**DON'T FORGET TO
UPDATE YOUR DETAILS
TO RECEIVE SPECIAL
PROMOTIONS FROM
THE CLUB**



**Join us for
Valentine's
Day**

A selection of mains and
desserts perfect for
sharing with that special
someone.

\$35 per person

A Short Note Regarding Uniforms

Orders for the new uniforms will be available on Saturday 8th February.

I will speak with all teams one Saturday to start the ball rolling. The first shirt will be free to all bowling members and all shirts after that will be \$40.00 for short sleeve and \$45.00 for long sleeve. The order forms will be available and shirts will be available to try on for size. There will be a place on the order form to choose the name you wish to have on the shirt. All enquiries will be directed to me or Tina Neylon if I am unavailable. All orders must go through me (David).

Current long and short sleeve shirts are available at \$10 each. These can still be used for tournament play.

David Lindsay

Enjoy food and drink from different parts of the world as guest artists entertain you with music.

FREE EVENT

Every Saturday from 8pm
Starts 29th Feb 2020 with

KARAOKE

MICK TENACE • SKUZZ •
ALLISON FORBES • KEITH FISHER
• TAYLOR HOCKING • WRECKED
ON SUNDAY • JEFF CABALAR

