



NEWSLETTER No2 APRIL 2020

Dear Member,

I hope you are all well and coping with the social isolation. It appears as though some of the restrictions are slowly being lifted but I suspect we still have quite some time to go before we can bowl again. We have had another Board meeting via ZOOM which is working very well. I have also had numerous ZOOM meetings with both friends and Rotary, all of which worked extremely well. There are many ways you can keep in touch with family and friends without actually being in the same room. Some of these are Messenger, Facetime, Facebook, Skype, WhatsApp, Zoom and lots of others. They are worth trying.

The Board has made a decision to delay the AGM indefinitely until we can meet as a group. We have at least until the end of October to have the AGM and report to Consumer Affairs. We will have all the reports completed and be ready to proceed as soon as we get the green light. If meetings are still restricted in numbers we will reconsider running an on-line meeting.

ANZAC Day is coming up on Saturday and unfortunately there won't be any bowling. This is a very special day and lots of people go to various services which they cannot do this year. The ABC will be broadcasting the service from the Shrine from 5.00am and 3AW will also run an ANZAC Day special from 5.00am to 7.00am. The RSL is calling on Australians to light a candle or put on a porch light for the dawn service and stand to in their driveways or on their balconies. Whilst it will be different, we can all do something to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Don't forget that Maree & Steve Rose and Lucrezia Chatham & Warren Wood have offered assistance for anyone in the Club who needs it. **If anyone needs assistance in any way, please contact Marie Rose on Mob: 0419 380 491 or Email: mros0478@bigpond.net.au**

We have had a couple of meetings with Mount Martha Mornington Petanque Club regarding the submission to the Shire for a grant to construct a Petanque terrain on the old west green area. It was thought that in today's climate it would be better to put in a smaller request for funds so they are now looking at a two staged construction with the first being 14 pistes and the second 10 pistes. We have put in an application for a grant for \$25,000 to assist with the construction of 14 pistes and there will be another presentation to the Councilors on 6 May (or possibly a later date to be advised).

Jill Ellis has been able to get a really good deal on some wines (See below). Get your orders in by early May and help support one of our sponsors. While I am asking for support, I think now is a good time to support our local traders in Mount Martha. Most, if not all, restaurants in the village are open for takeaway orders. If we want them to be around when the current shutdown stops, then we should support them by ordering some takeaway. You can then have a ZOOM meeting with some close friends and have a virtual dinner party!

All your Board members have agreed to stay in their current positions until the AGM is held later on this year and they are working hard to keep the Club in good order. I ask each and every one of you to look after yourselves and those around you. Keep safe and healthy until we are able to bowl again.

Tony Spring
Chairman



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH MEMBERSHIP!!

From a community point of view we seemed to have made good progress in controlling the spread of covid-19 to the point that we will undoubtedly see a gradual lifting of various restrictions. How and when it will apply to us and our sport of lawn bowls, who really knows. Let us hope it might be sooner than previously expected albeit with some constraints which we will all have to understand and accept for our own wellbeing.

No doubt many of you have taken the opportunity to do some housekeeping and from a membership point of view I would like to do the same.

So I am asking you to consider whether the club has been advised of any changes in your personal details. For example have you:

- Moved
- Changed phone numbers / closed your landline
- Changed your email address, or now have email
- Need to change next of kin details.

This is important in the unlikely event of an accident we have to advise a family member.

If you answered YES to any of the questions please let me know by email (wrgomme@aol.com), so we can update your records on both the Club's database as well as Bowls Link, Bowls Australia's member management system.

The Wine Deal put together by Jill Ellis is really worth taking up. Please remember that Jill wants to collate all the orders early next month. It is hard to think you can find anywhere else Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc for \$7 a bottle delivered to home. (See below)

At the beginning of May you will start receiving your heavily discounted annual membership subscriptions for the coming season. Obviously the club's cash flow is significantly affected at present so it will be really appreciated if you can pay these as soon as possible.

Keep in Touch, Keep Safe and Stay Healthy.

Bill Gomme
Membership Director



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE GREENS!!

If anyone is able to complete their daily exercise program once a month at the Bowls Club by mowing etc. it would be appreciated. Please contact John Osborne on 0414 493 522 if you are able to help. All social distancing rules will be observed.

John Osborne
Greens Director



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH SPONSORSHIP!!

I have been in touch with most of our sponsors in the last seven days. I am hopeful that providing this lockdown does not continue for too much longer and our sponsors can get back to something like their normal trading, then any resultant damage to our sponsorship portfolio can be contained. Three of our four major sponsors are already on board for our summer bowling season.

Ron Turner
Sponsorship Director.



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH FINANCES!!

A further update on our Financial position during the Covid-19 closure of the Bowls Club.

Audit:

Our books have been audited by external auditors - Shepard Webster & O'Neill Audit Pty Ltd and I'm pleased to report we are in a sound financial position.

Liquor Licence:

"Thank You" to the State Revenue Office - because the Bar is closed our annual Liquor Licence payment of \$446.13 has been refunded to the Club. Certainly a pleasant surprise to receive in the post.

Membership Fees:

This year the accounts will be emailed to you shortly. They will be sent separately to each Member. Payments can be made directly into our Bank A/C if possible.

New Club A/C No. is 633-000 A/C 169 875 408. Please don't forget to use the Invoice No. as your reference.

Cheque payments can still be mailed to the Club & Cash payments can also be made into our A/C at any branch of the Bendigo Bank.

I'm sure you will realise that this is our only form of income while the Club is closed so prompt payment would be appreciated as many accounts including the utilities keep arriving. Thank you.

We certainly hope a return to Bowls maybe in sight by our next Newsletter Keep "well"

Celia Patrick
Club Treasurer



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH BOWLING!!

Hope everyone is finding things to do and keep themselves occupied during the lockdown. Hopefully we can get back to some roll ups next month. The latest advice from MPB is that pennant will most probably commence on Saturday October 31st but this is still to be confirmed but appears the most likely scenario since the Vic Open is scheduled for Nov 20 – 27. No further communication regarding the deferred Grand Finals. The original advice was that they were deferred indefinitely but it is doubtful that full scale bowling will start anytime soon.

Plans are under way to hold a 3 day bowls carnival to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the opening of the Mt Martha Bowls Club commencing Thursday November 19th with the Founders Day Medley. Friday and Saturday will be Open Nominated Triples with a dinner on the Friday evening. More details as they become finalised.

An email will be sent to all members next week requesting they register their intention to play pennant next season and also an update on nominations for the various Bowls Section committees so please give some thought about how you can assist in running the club next season. All this is obviously dependent upon the lockdown restrictions being eased so nothing is set in concrete but we do need to put plans in place so we are ready to roll when able to reopen the club.

We have negotiated supply of new caps with the beach boxes logo and these will be available for the cost of \$15 on an individual order basis. We will not be holding a stock of caps so if your cap is old and faded like mine then you will need to place an order. More about that process next week also. In the meantime, keep busy, well and above all, keep safe.

Kevin Dungey
President Bowls Section



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Blanc
\$84.00 a dozen*

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