



NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2020

Dear Member,

It has been a difficult time in Mount Martha with all the restrictions. It is now over 6 months since Covid-19 hit and we are still in lockdown. Hopefully on 19 October we will see some lifting of the restrictions on movement and also I am hopeful that we will be able to do some bowling. Fingers crossed!!

The "Happy Hour" we have been having via ZOOM at 5.30pm on Fridays has been a great success. Thanks to Bill & Elizabeth Gomme and Kevin Dungey for their work in adding interest to the night with DOUBLE CHANCE POWERBALL and some testing trivia questions. It is a fun social night so come along and join in and chat to lots of your bowling friends.

The drainage in the Centre Green is currently being fixed with Bio-Scapes back this week to complete the work. Please see John Osborne's update below.

Ron has been working hard on retaining our current sponsors which is critical in today's climate.

There has been no change over the last month with respect to Petanque. If anyone knows of how we can potentially obtain funding for a Petanque terrain, please contact me.

There will have to be a large working bee on our return to the Club. The greens will have to be swept and have lines marked and there is plenty to do in the gardens and some painting. Please read what Elizabeth Gomme has to say below



'Life imposes things on you that you can't control, but you still have the choice of how you're going to live through this.' — Celine Dion

Look after yourselves and your friends. Please keep socially distancing, wear masks when outside and keep good personal hygiene and stay healthy. Let's hope we can bowl after 19 October!

Tony Spring
Chairman

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WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH FINANCES!!

Stage 4 Lockdown has certainly put a stop to anything related to bowling. We now anxiously await what may happen with the Premiers next Covid-19 update on 19 October. Let's hope by then we may be nearer being able to get back to bowling & perhaps the opening of the Club.

Sadly, from a financial position, it's still extremely quiet. The Club received the \$216.47 refund from South East Water on 29/9/20 which is the Trade Waste component of our July & September accounts. "Thank You" to South East Water. Energy Australia has offered the Club a new plan for our Gas account. It's a possible save of up to \$150.00 annually.

Loan Repayments:

Our \$3,000.00 monthly loan repayment with the Bendigo Bank which have been on hold for 6 months commences again in October. During this time, we have been paying \$800.00 monthly towards the interest charges for the loan. As at 30/9/20 the outstanding balance for the Loan is \$176,132.68.

"Zoom" Happy Hour & Members Draw - Friday's @ 5.30pm:

Great to catch up with the Members who join in on Friday's. The Members Draw Jackpot continues to grow - \$110.00 this Friday. Join us on Zoom & have a chance of winning.

Powerball Power Play Promotion:

Commences this Thursday 8/10/20 with only a few spaces left in the 2nd game.
\$50 & it's not too late to join - Ring Kevin or Bill.

Let's hope we are getting closer to meeting up on the Bowling Green. In the meantime - "keep safe" & enjoy the warmer weather.

Celia Patrick
Club Treasurer



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WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH SPONSORSHIP!!



At this unprecedented time for our Club and our sponsors we can hope there is some light at the end of this tunnel come 19 October.

Whilst trying my utmost to avoid further “slippage” from our sponsors, it is becoming obvious that once again they are looking very hard at their future commitments and it could well be sponsors with event sponsorship will only pay on an “event played” basis in what could turn out to be a foreshortened summer season.

I have to report that Mandy Castle of Jacobs & Lowe and who has been a great supporter of Mt Martha Bowls Club for the last five years is leaving her post next Friday. Mandy’s unique contribution to our Club was the introduction of ten quality meat trays every season for the last three years at no cost to the Club. I can only hope her successor will be as generous.

Ron Turner
Sponsorship Director



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH BOWLING!!

We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of 19 October when the promised further easing of our draconian restrictions take effect. Not sure we will get much joy from them as far as bowls is concerned but hopefully we can at least start rollups again. Will the 5 km travel limit be relaxed? According to the latest Dan comment – don’t bet on it!! The MPB are hopeful to start pennant by the end of November or beginning of December but very much depends on the numbers allowed on the green / rink. It is unlikely that club facilities will be open to the extent to allow players to congregate for lunch or drinks which will still create issues with numbers of players for a pennant match on site. We can only wait and see what transpires over the next three weeks and be ready to spring into action.

The 2020-21 Club Championships have been deferred until January and there are still some finals to be played from 2019-20 year which can hopefully be completed by year end. The 40th Anniversary events scheduled for late November have been deferred until a date to be determined in 2021.

In the meantime, keep well and stay safe.

Kevin Dungey
Bowls President

Mount Martha Optical





WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE GREENS!!

The Centre green has had the carpet removed and additional drains installed. The Contractor has been waiting for the drains to settle before a final laser level and reinstatement of the surface. This work is planned for week beginning 5 October, if weather permits.

As soon as the Covid-19 situation allows, we will be organising a number of working bees to get the Club ship shape for the season ahead. Please make yourself available for this necessary work when asked.

John Osborne
Greens Director



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE FACILITIES!!

Hopefully everyone is counting down the days when we will be able to have more freedom and once more enjoy all that the club has to offer and to bowl again.

On our return there are many maintenance jobs to undertake. The weeds didn't take a break and unfortunately have taken over in many areas. There is much painting to be done and we will need to think of sanitising many of the surfaces.

Hence we are appealing to our members to fill some of the overseers' roles.

Jobs vacant:

- GARDEN COORDINATOR - rewards - much satisfaction in achieving neat and tidy surrounds, and gratitude from all.
- PAINTING COORDINATOR - similar rewards to the gardeners.
- OVERSEER for sanitisation.

(In the case of sanitisation it will be compulsory for the completion of this before we can open up the Club Rooms). Please seriously consider these jobs as we need to perform all these tasks to enhance our surrounds. Applications gratefully accepted.

Keep well and safe until we can once more return to somewhat normal.

Kind regards to all.

Elizabeth Gomme
Facilities Director

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WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH MEMBERSHIP!!

As you know well, October is normally Try Bowls Month and we would be urging you to help promote the event by delivering flyers in your neighbourhood, but of course this is no ordinary October. However, the challenge remains on how do we recruit at least 20 new members this season? Obviously we have to wait for information from the government and the Shire as to when they will be lifting their bans so we can open up and show off our facilities to prospective new members. The format for Try Bowls may well have to change to fit in with any limitations on numbers.

In the meantime, we have been looking at different ways to promote the Club. Firstly, we have had discussions with the Mt Martha Community Centre and we will be making a number of presentations to go to air on their Mount Martha TV channel. The aim will be showcase the club and all its activities over a series of short 3-4 minute videos using our younger members as presenters. We want to get over the message that bowls is not a sombre game played by the elderly, but a game that can be played by people of all ages and ability:

1. General introduction of who we are, where we are and what we can offer including function facilities
2. Try Bowls - How to get on the Green
3. Barefoot Bowls
4. Crackerjack Bowls as part of the Vic Health campaign (depending on funding)
5. Function Facilities

We have also been negotiating a campaign with the Mornington News to run a series of press advertisements using the same themes as for the TV campaign and seeking the paper's editorial support for our 40th Anniversary celebrations.

It is good to see a number of members have signed into the Bowls Link site to check on their personal details. All financial members should be eligible for the \$2000 weekly draw. The prize is split 2 ways. \$1000 for you and \$1000 for the club.

If you know of anybody who is thinking about taking up bowls get them to have a look at the Membership pages on the Club's Website: www.mountmartha.bowls.com.au and I will be only too pleased to talk to them. Incidentally you will find the Club Diary on the website. Click on Members Info on the home page and then on the drop down list Click on Club Diary.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Bill Gomme
Membership Director

*There's even a new cocktail emerging online: the "quarantini."
Although its recipe varies, it is best served chilled in front of a
laptop or smartphone camera and enjoyed with a twist of levity*



The Meeting details are below:

Meeting ID: 443 765 4970

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