



## NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Member,

It continues to be a difficult time as we slowly come out of lockdown. The good news is that we have had 14 days straight of "ZERO" "ZERO" which should mean that next weekend we should see further easing of restrictions. Let's hope that we can ditch the wearing of masks outside and enjoy our bowling! Keep your fingers crossed!! It is great to see the centre green being used again. Whilst it is still a little slow, it is running well and should improve with time and use.

We have been having Happy Hour via ZOOM on Friday nights for a number of months which have been well supported and have been a good way for members to get together and chat about all things Covid! As of this weekend, Happy Hour returns to the Clubhouse at 5.30pm on Friday evenings. Thanks to Bill & Elizabeth Gomme and Kevin Dungey for their work in keeping the Zoom meetings very interesting with DOUBLE CHANCE POWERBALL and some testing trivia questions.

There has been a large working bee around the grounds trimming trees and painting the shelter sheds around the greens. All the cut trees have been mulched and the place is looking much better. Thanks for all that helped. We will have to have further working bees to do some weeding and spread out the piles of mulch.

As you would have seen, following bowling on Thursday 3 December, we are going to have a special general meeting to discuss inviting the members of Mount Martha Mornington Petanque Club to join our club and convert the unused west green area into a state of the art Petanque Terrain. This is a very exciting opportunity for our Club. It will bolster our membership which in turn will increase our income via subscriptions and all the social functions. The increase in membership will mean we have more people to share all the jobs around the Club and reduce the load on our current membership. Please come along to this meeting and hear all the plans.



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As Misty Copeland says, "Anything is possible when you have the right people there to support you." This year I am very fortunate that every member of your Board has put in an extraordinary effort in very difficult circumstances. A big thank you to all of them.

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 get stuck into bowling in a normal fashion very soon!

**Tony Spring**  
**Chairman**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH BOWLING!!

As further easing of restrictions to our bowls activities unfold we are now approaching some form of normality particularly as pennant starts on December 1<sup>st</sup> signifies the start of our regular summer series. The first pennant practice matches commence this Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup> and the dress code changes from mufti to club uniform or Bowls Victoria approved attire. We intend to start Wednesday Social bowls the following week which will continue to be mufti dress but all future Thursday and Saturday events will be club uniform. The popular Night Owls on Monday evenings will restart on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Greg and Jennifer Cripps are again organising Social Bowls but need some extra helpers. If you enjoy playing your social bowls then be prepared to help out in the office on occasions. Please talk with Greg or Jennifer to help out. They cannot be expected to continue to organise social bowls so it is time to **STEP UP AND HELP OUT!!**

There are fewer people interested in playing pennant this year so only 4 teams can be entered allowing for some emergencies (which are always needed). Some people will not be playing pennant every week which means that Saturday social bowls will have extra players available and provide for healthy competition so no need to miss out on a game of bowls on Saturday – Pennant or Social will provide just as much fun and enjoyment.

Looking forward to our summer bowls.

**Kevin Dungey**  
**Bowls President**





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## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH FINANCES!!

Excellent news that we are gradually coming out of Stage 4 lockdown & returning to bowls. I'm sure we look forward to bowling with less restrictions in the near future. "Covid Safe" restrictions will be here for some time to come. Maybe some good news of more easing may come on November 24th.

Cash is flowing again which will offset the utility bills which have come without fail during the Lockdown. The Thursday Nominated Triples & Saturday - Club Select Triples are quite well attended & the Green Fees are welcome along with the Bar income from the Greenside Kiosk.

To the Members who worked very hard to tidy our gardens & surrounds "Thank You" & also to John Osborne who arranged for the mulching to be done last Saturday at a cost of \$1,400.00. A good job done but sadly it's put a hole in the bank account!! It was a great response from our Members who supported the "Wine Offers" from Angove Family Winemakers - one of our major Sponsors. The surplus went a long way towards covering the mulching costs.

During the Covid-19 "Lockdown" I would also like to thank the Members who shared in the "Lockdown Lotto" both Saturday & the Thursday Powerball which finished this week & was run by Kevin & Bill. Well done to the winners. Hopefully it will return again next year & there is hope again for those who didn't win this year!!

Good news our "Happy Hour" & Members Draw is back at the Club this Friday however I must say it's been good to catch up with many members via zoom during the Lockdown.

**Celia Patrick**  
**Club Treasurer**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH SPONSORSHIP!!



I am happy to report that all three major monthly sponsors have expressed to me their satisfaction that the Club is once again open and their sponsored events are up and running. I am extremely grateful for their support in these difficult times and I would ask all members of whatever ability to attend as many of our sponsored days as they can. A good turnout is a very positive signal to a sponsor.

The sponsorship allocation for the season has now been rewritten and I am pleased to report all dates have been filled.

On a personal note my heartfelt thanks for all the many messages of support over my health issues in the past few weeks. Progress is not swift, but I hope to be back on the greens in the New Year.

**Ron Turner**  
**Sponsorship Director**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE GREENS!!

The Centre green surface has been re-laid and stretched to a conservative level. After the surface has settled we will decide if further stretching is required but it will be carried out in small amounts so that we do not finish up with a green that is too fast for our requirements.

After settling permanent lines will be marked on the surface.

We have had one serious rain event since the drainage was improved and the green drained perfectly.

**John Osborne**  
**Greens Director**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH MEMBERSHIP!!

Finally we have been able to put down some bowls again and over the next few weeks we can expect to all be playing in one session rather than being split up.

Starting with some good news we have 4 new members, Chris Owen who is currently playing at Clayton has joined as a dual member. This week 3 new others have started their initial coaching and we are pleased to welcome Sue Walker, Sue Copeland-Heath and Karen Grant. Now that we can re-start coaching please encourage any of your friends and neighbours to come down for a roll. Simply let Ken Wall have their contact details and he will do the rest.

As mentioned last month we want to wash up the Rotary Raffle so please drop back to the club and money and butts who may still have. Our Powerball Promotions finished this week with 16 winners overall. Thank you for those who supported the programme.

Happy Hours are back. Whilst numbers inside the clubhouse are limited to 20 (in 2 groups of 10) when the bar is open, we can have up to another 20 people on each of the decks. Please remember that you must remain seated and although you can remove your mask whilst drinking you do have to put it back on when getting up from the table.

On the subject of the bar please let Jill Ellis know when you can help serve. Now that Klevo and Vaughan are no longer around she will need some help in re-stocking the bars.

Finally, a special thank you to all those who helped get the club surrounds back in to some order at the working bees. It was amazing how much was achieved. Once some weeding on the front driveway is completed and the tan bark distributed we will be able to proudly present the club to prospective new members and put together a video to air on Mt Martha TV promoting the club.

Enjoy your bowling again.

**Bill Gomme**  
**Membership Director**

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