

NEWSLETTER No 4 June 2020

Dear Member,

Some things have changed but some have remained the same since the last newsletter. There has been some easing for the numbers of players we can have on the greens and rinks which has enabled us to complete some Club Championships and to head back to something like normal with triples starting up on Wednesday 1 July. We are still restricted to a maximum of 20 people in the Clubhouse at any one time. This means we cannot gather as a group and have our normal presentations. As a result, we will keep the Clubhouse closed until we are able to cater for larger groups. I would like to thank everyone for their tolerance and for following the social distancing guidelines. I know it is difficult, but it is important. From what we are seeing elsewhere in Melbourne, it is important that we continue to socially distance as this seems to be the best way of avoiding the virus.

PLEASE KEEP UP SOCIALLY DISTANCING & USING HAND WASH!!

All the Directors reports have been completed and we are ready to run the AGM. The Board is meeting this week to discuss when and how we can run it, so WATCH THIS SPACE.

There is little to report about the Petanque Club joining us. A presentation was made to the Shire Councilors at a pre-budget hearing and we will be advised of the outcome around the middle of July.

Thanks to all who have continued to keep the club running over the last few weeks. John Oborne has been tireless in setting up the greens and getting the dew removed so the greens look really good. Thanks John. Kevin Dungey and his committee have worked hard to modify the playing conditions as soon as the restrictions have been modified so we can get back to something like normal. Thanks Kevin. Lesley Eade has organised the running of the social bowling on Wednesdays and Saturdays, along with Margaret McInerney, and everything has gone very smoothly. Thanks Lesley & Marg.

Thank you to all those who have paid their fees on time. It has been a real benefit to the Club as our cash flow has been significantly affected by the restrictions imposed on us.

Please support Elizabeth Gomme and attend the working bee at the Club on 9.00am Thursday 2 July.

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 fully utilize the Club facilities again.

Tony Spring Chairman



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH BOWLING!!

The good news is that Social Bowls Triples is about to start again on Wednesdays and Saturdays with a limit of 20 teams. There will be two games of 8 ends playing north – south with winners play winners and losers play losers in the second game. Game time is 12.30 and expected to finish by 3.30 in time to get home and have that afternoon nap or pre-dinner drink. Entry fee is still \$5 with some cash prizes at the end – at last!!

Club Championships are in the process of being completed and hopefully most will be finished by the end of next week. The Mens Pairs final was played last Friday with Gary Williams / Peter Jones winning against Tony Spring / Phil Gray. Ladies 100 UP semi-final was won by Sandra Richardson over Judy Woods in a close contest and Sandra will now play Lesley Eade in the final. Mens 100 UP results so far has seen Geoff Gilsenan defeat Kevin Dungey; Wayne Taylor just got over the line against Dwayne Pearce and in the other semi-final Geoff Gilsenan defeated Hank Dankers. Mens Minor results were Hank Dankers defeated Phil Gray and will now play Wayne Taylor scheduled for 10.30 Friday; Mixed Pairs saw Wayne and Lynette Taylor defeat Alan Yates and Wendy Mouncey held over two days due to rain interruptions. They will now play Pam and Klevo Takenan on Monday at 10.00. A limit of 20 spectators are allowed so come along and support but please maintain the social distancing guidelines.

Wayne is going to be busy with finals in Mens Minor, 100 UP and Mixed Pairs. He missed out on the Ladies Pairs due to gender discrimination.

Kevin Dungey President Bowls Section



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE FACILITIES!!

The Shire visited last Friday to demonstrate the workings of our disabled lift facility to a few of us. Shortly when we can again use the premises we will endeavour to demonstrate to more people.

We have called a working bee for this Thursday to try to control the garden. We hope that many members are able to attend as there are considerable areas which are out of control.

The upper deck has been cleaned and resealed however the lower deck also requires the same treatment. There is also painting to be done hence we are appealing to members to help out with these tasks.

Elizabeth Gomme Facilities Director



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH SPONSORSHIP!!

I am pleased to report to members that Terry White Chemmart in Benton Square have agreed to come onboard as a club Sponsor for our upcoming summer season.

Visits to many of our existing sponsors are planned during the next month. This should give us a good insight into our level of sponsorship losses due to Corvid19.

Although I am yet unable to reveal full details, I am in negotiation for a sponsorship deal which will be for our **social bowlers only** during the upcoming summer season. Watch this space for further news!

Ron Turner Sponsorship Director



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH FINANCES!!

Isn't it good to be back Bowling again? Even though it's limited the Pairs the games have been good & this week Triples begin. Let's hope the weather is kind to us!! "Thank You" to John Oborne, Kevin Dungey & those in the Office who have organised everything. The Eftpos Machine is working well for those who wish to use it to pay their Green Fees & it will now be available on all Bowls days.

Wine Sales:

"Thank You" to all the Members who supported this promotion by Angoves which gave the Club a good donation. It's possible we may do it again later in the year with different wines

Mt Martha Caps:

60 Caps have been ordered & to date 50 have been ordered so there will be 10 available for sale from this order. "Good Bowling"

Celia Patrick Club Treasurer



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH MEMBERSHIP!

Once again thank you to everyone who has paid their fees by the due date and for playing members that means you will be financial with Bowls Victoria for another 12 months.

If you are intending to travel and playing interstate please let me know and I will arrange confirmation of you membership.

It is sad to be saying goodbye to Bill & Sandra Stirling who are returning to Coffs Harbour. We certainly wish them well and hope to see them if ever they are back on the Peninsula.

It is pleasing to report that we have now gained Level 3 status in the Goods Sports program following their acceptance of our Alcohol Management Policy. There will be a copy in the bar for anyone to read.

Level 3 puts everything into practice from levels 1 and 2 to create a comprehensive alcohol management policy for the club. The policy is developed in level 3 because it is important that clubs change their alcohol management practices before the document is written. This ensures the policy is embedded into management and culture, making the operating procedures sustainable and helping to ensure we retain one of the club's biggest assets, namely our liquor license.

By completing level 3, we have reached the top of the Good Sports program, which can open up opportunities for more participants, spectators and sponsors, along with a vastly improved environment for members and families.

Whilst the rise in covid-19 cases is of major concern let's hope it doesn't mean going back to harsher restrictions. Hopefully we can expand our activities and start socialising after events.

However, in the meantime please remember to keep with the social distancing program. Please do not be complacent, with so many people visiting during school holidays we cannot rely on the Peninsula being virus free. Stay safe.

Bill Gomme Membership Director