



NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2020

Dear Member,

What a month it has been! Lots of changes to bowling as we move out of Covid-19 restrictions, gradual opening up of the Club, starting up of our Pennant season and last Thursday we voted to have Petanque at our Club.

Last Thursday we held a Special General Meeting of the Club to vote on the acceptance of members of the Mount Martha Mornington Petanque Club (MMMPC) joining our Club and converting the west green area into a Petanque Terrain with the Petanque Members supplying funds for the 1st Stage of 14 Pistes. We had members seated at the specified Covid-19 distances in the Clubhouse and on the balcony. There were 61 members attending in person and we had 32 proxies giving us 93 people able to vote. The quorum for the meeting was 45. After quite a number of questions from a number of members a vote was taken. The voting went as follows:

| | FOR | AGAINST | TOTAL |
|--------------------|-----|---------|-------|
| Voting in Person: | 59 | 2 | 61 |
| Voting by Proxies: | 30 | 2 | 32 |
| Total: | 89 | 4 | 93 |

Of those voting, there were no abstentions and 96% were in favour of having the Members of MMMPC join our Club. The minimum number required to have the motion carried was 70 votes or 75% of those voting (including proxies). This result has given us a clear mandate to proceed with accepting the Petanque players as members of our Club. This was an historic day for our Club. We are now going to work to finalise all the legal requirements and organise to have the west green area converted into a Petanque Terrain. This will hopefully happen during February. Following completion of the 14 Piste Terrain we can expect to see up to 42 Petanque players playing there on Sundays and Wednesdays.

There will be a number of events planned following the Petanque members joining our Club and I encourage all of our bowling members to welcome all the new members into our Club.



A very big THANKYOU to everyone who has worked for the Club in various capacities this year. It has been very challenging over the last 6 months and there has been a lot of hard work done which is most appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Enjoy your additional freedom with bowling and also socialising with family and friends. Have a great holiday season.

Tony Spring
Chairman



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH BOWLING!!

Welcome news regarding further easing of restrictions announced on Sunday. Access to the club house increased to 80 people inside and no need for serving of drinks and food to tables. We should be able to return to normal bowling programs and formats next week. Social Bowls on Saturdays will now start at 10.30 as per the diary. The popular Night Owls will recommence on Monday December 14. This Thursday is the Christmas Triples commencing at 12.30 and presentations to follow in the club house – **HOORAY!**

Thursday December 17 is “**FREEDOM TRIPLES**” and will see the return to the regular triples format of 11 ends in the morning and after lunch - to be taken in the club house – will be a further 11 ends of winners and losers match up. The game will be followed by presentation of prizes and the 2019/20 club championship trophies. Sponsor on the day will be Ryman Healthcare. **ENTRY SHEETS FOR ALL GAMES ARE NOW LOCATED IN THE FOYER. CLUB HOUSE WILL BE OPEN EACH DAY AND CAN BE ACCESSED USING THE ACCESS CODE IF THE DOORS ARE NOT OPEN.**

Further details as they are finalised will be advised but at last some normality seems to have returned.

Don't forget that the structured coaching on Monday mornings is now again being provided so no booking required simply arrive by 9.30am and join in. This was very popular last year so hopefully members will again take advantage of the opportunity to improve our skills after the long layoff. Wednesday Social bowls will recommence in January.

Kevin Dungey
Bowls President



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WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH MEMBERSHIP!!

Almost back to normal albeit with social distancing still in place. However, we cannot afford to drop our guard, so please continue to follow safe practices including regular hand washing and sanitisation.

After the latest news we can now have up to 80 people in the clubhouse so we are aiming to bring back some catering for some Friday Happy Hours and we no longer have to remain seated whilst we enjoy a drink. However, please remember to keep social distancing when queuing at the bar. Don't forget we have our Weekly Members' Jackpot Draw around 6.30pm every Friday Night.

We have been able to obtain some good prizes for the Christmas Raffle. Particular thanks to Jacobs & Lowe for their generous donation of two by \$100 Gift Vouchers and to Vintage House Wines & Spirits for the case of premium Wines. If you have not already bought your tickets please deposit your money into the club's Bendigo Bank Account or put it in an envelope in the Treasurer's box I n the foyer. Thank you to those who have already paid for your tickets.

More good news on the members front with another 8 applications being processed for Betty & Gordon Halsall, Denny & Peter Phillips, Steve Garcia's wife Kylie and his daughter Charlie, Rob Delbridge and after her first week of coaching Sue Copeland not only bought a set of bowls from Richard Miller but brought along her spouse Vaughn Heath with his membership application form. Welcome to you all and we hope you enjoy your bowling with us. Now that Barefoot Bowls has started we have already issued membership forms to two prospective members.

We are also seeing a number of inquiries coming through from people wanting to hire the clubhouse for a function. One of the benefits of being a club member is that you can hire it for half price. Gill Tebby coordinates such functions and she needs some assistance to serve in the bar and if the hiring includes barefoot bowls a couple of others to hand out the bowls and supervise the players on the green. Please let Gill know how you will help.

Your support for the Club over the last few difficult months has been amazing and has really been appreciated. I sincerely hope now that you and your families are able to enjoy a safe and happy festive season together.

Bill Gomme
Membership Director

Mount Martha Optical





WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE FACILITIES!!

Now that we are getting closer to normality, and certainly having more visiting bowlers coming to our Club it is very pleasing to see the freshly painted sheds and the gardens looking so much neater thanks to all the hardworking members who attended our recent working bees.

Although restrictions are being eased just a reminder that it is still necessary to wipe down tables and the metal back of chairs after use. When vacating it is up to each and every one of us to perform this task. Spray and cloth provided.

Lock up rosters are now being activated so please check and ensure you fulfil your duties, lists are up in the Club rooms and also in your diaries. Any queries please contact me.

Good news, after requiring a gardening co-ordinator for some time, to oversee the work required around the grounds we welcome Gordon Halstall, a new member who has transferred with his wife Betty from another Club, and has indicated he is very happy to fulfil the role. In order that Gordon can meet with the members who have said that they are prepared to help look after the gardens and detail his plans, we will be calling a meeting soon.

My job is to endeavour to ensure everything within and around the building is in working order. Unless we know something is broken or not working, nothing can be done. A reminder there is a Maintenance Book in the foyer to list any of these concerns. Please see that you list any problems.

In the meantime we hope that we can enjoy our Christmas Party and celebrate together at last, after our very difficult year.

Very best wishes to all for the Festive Season, enjoy your families and come back ready for a really good, uninterrupted 2021 bowling season.

Elizabeth Gomme
Facilities Director



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH SPONSORSHIP!!

Hopefully we have started on the road back to recovering our lost sponsorship as a result of Covid 19. Jacobs & Lowe have come forward yet again to provide ten meats trays for us to raffle over the coming summer season. They have also agreed to increase the value of the trays from \$50.00 to \$60.00. I am also pleased to report they have agreed to give two \$100 gift vouchers to our Christmas Raffle.

Signage reorganisation is underway around the Club. We have a few "vacancies" around the Club grounds as a result of lost sponsors. I would be only too happy to hear from you if you have any of businesses, (cafes, restaurants, shops, your local tradies etc. etc.) that you use on a regular basis who you feel may be interested in a very good publicity outlet by way of signage at very reasonable rates. My phone number is in the book, just ring me with the details and I will attend to it. Many Thanks

Ron Turner
Sponsorship Director

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