



Upcoming Events

September 26

Petanque Mixed Doubles

October 2

Opening Day & Spring Fling

October 17

Try Bowls Day

Dear Members,

We are indeed in very trying and frustrating times, and the news that the current lock down will be further extended doesn't help.

This weekend was supposed to be Opening Day for bowls and Spring Fling for petanque, but this is now re-scheduled for Saturday October 2nd. The Mayor Despi O'Connor was going to join us for the afternoon as our guest of honour, along with the other 2 Briars Ward Councilors. This would have been a great opportunity to show case the Club to them.

However, be rest assured that your committees are still working hard behind the scenes to ensure we maximise the time you will be able to play the games we all enjoy, once the club doors re-open.

Just covering a few things not in the Directors' reports. Firstly, we have been in discussions with the Shire to extend the club rooms by adding on another 9 metres by going out into the rear carpark, and Ian Parsons has drawn up a suggested layout which will create a whole new area which will include a meeting room and an extension to the bar. After a phone call this week we learnt that this will be part of the Shire's Sports Capacity Planning exercise. They are reviewing the facilities required by all different sports. This process will take about 6 months before it is presented to the councilors.

The Club Diary is a good example of how so many things are outside our control. Just as we were about to go to print, the MPB changed the start of the Pennant Bowls Season by 3 weeks, which impacted on other programmes we had in place, including the practice matches the bowls section had already organised. These changes were handled seamlessly by Nola Osborne, Geoff King, Geoff Stewart and Ron Turner.

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Our Blues Music series after a great opening night is in almost total disarray. Instead of having 4 performances by now we have only had the first one. As well as these nights providing some important extra income, we expected a significant increase in social memberships and awareness in the community for the club. Hopefully we can re-start in November.

Gill Tebbly has been forced to reschedule or cancel function bookings.

Margaret McInerney, Barbara Turner and Di Dungey are working on a social programme but that will very much depend on Covid restrictions.

The scoring posts for Petanque are well on the way, whilst Adam Keleher & Geoff Shaw are preparing for meetings with the Shire re the central pavilion.

Geoff King has been applying for various grants to seek some support from the government for turnover we have lost over the last few weeks.

No doubt many of us have been able to enjoy watching the Olympics and the Para Olympics over the last couple of weeks, which was a welcome relief. Weren't there some amazing performances from competitors all around the globe.

For those that have been supporting the fundraising money squares campaign conducted by Irene Hey, you will be pleased to know that with a generous contribution from Lyal Gregory we have raised enough money to buy an 85-inch Samsung Smart TV from the Good Guys. However, we will have to wait for about 3-4 weeks for delivery and installation before we can invite Lyal to flick the switch. The existing TV will be relocated into the foyer and set up to promote our club sponsors. Hopefully a couple more money squares will cover any associated costs.

Another planned project we are investigating is to see if it is feasible install a hot water dispenser in the club rooms, so you do not need to go into the kitchen and fill up an urn before making your cup of tea or coffee.

A new metal sign from the Shire will be installed shortly at the front gate promoting both Bowls and Petanque, and street signs pointing to the Petanque club are being erected on the corners of Latrobe and Bay Road, Latrobe and Watson Road plus updating the existing signboard on the corner of the Esplanade.

Jill Ellis has negotiated an excellent deal with Vintage House for members to buy either Family Crest Shiraz or Sauvignon Blanc for just \$18 a bottle. Their normal retail price is \$25. Give Jill a call to place your order.

We are in the process of setting up a new telephone system with an automated attendant so we can handle and not miss any calls and enquiries even if the club is locked down.

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Unfortunately, the latest Delta Covid strain is affecting an even wider group of people. We certainly do not want to see it spreading down onto the Mornington Peninsula but all we can do please is to always follow the Covid Safe Plan.

Finally, the Board strongly encourages all Club Members to get fully vaccinated against COVID-19 at their earliest possible opportunity. However, we do understand that some of you will need to consult your GP, to confirm it is safe for you.

Bill Gomme

SPONSORSHIP



The sponsorship support for the Club is in a healthy position. We start the summer season with a total of 56 paying sponsors, with a sponsorship total income expected to be over 25% higher than last season.

We now have to hope our programme for Y2021 / Y2022 will be allowed to run.

We have nine new sponsors, with two more pending and two regained sponsors. This number includes three new event supporters.

Club Diary entries have been a success story with colour entries increasing to twenty-eight and sixteen in black & white.

Likewise, the success story continues with our signage sponsorship. All the positions on the Petanque Boulodrome have been filled along with some alterations around the Club. We now have 45 signs in total around the Club with two more pending. This activity accounts for over a third of all our sponsorship income.

Successful negotiations were concluded with Danckert Real Estate and Mornington Mazda who have stepped in to sponsor our Classic Pairs event. I can also report and a substantial part of sponsorship for the Pot of Gold in 2022 has also been finalized.

Sponsorship was also obtained for requested Petanque events this September and March next year. We will certainly be looking at further sponsorship for our Petanque members.

My thanks go to my support team of Irene Hay (Diary), Jan Bettess (Signage) and Martin Connolly (Petanque). Their input and help have been invaluable, and has taken a sizeable amount of work away from my desk.

Ron Turner
Sponsorship Director



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GREENS REPORT

All important maintenance is being completed to ensure that the Greens and Terrain remain in good shape to enable a quick return to our favourite sport once we get the green light.

The Central Green has had some minor work done to try to increase the speed from its current pace of 14.20 to around 14.75, which will be a perfect speed for all types of bowling. To enable the Green to settle we require people to walk over the surface in all directions, which will not be possible until the lockdown is over.

The Terrain has been sprayed for weeds and the grass cut.

John Osborne,
Greens Director

MEMBERSHIP



A special welcome back to our friends returned from sunny Queensland to beautiful Mount Martha.

Welcome to our new Bowling and Petanque members who have joined since our last newsletter

Norma and Cliff Richards, Kathy and John Plaisted, Graeme Hayes, Tracey Williams and Carole Jones.

To Lyn and John Bridge, Jeff and Lorraine Lemmens, Ruth Scott, Kathleen West, Graeme Jones, Sandra and Jeff Irvine, Linda Forbes, Mike Corrigan who have experienced a very interrupted start to your bowling, we hope you will be able to start playing regularly

Not forgetting our new Petanque members

Mick and Vicki Thomas-----John and Annie Best and Jessica Read

New players please stay in touch with your coach and he or she will notify you when you can resume bowling in a game with their assistance

Hang in there folks

Hank Dankers – Membership Director



FACILITIES

It is very pleasing to report that the Mornington Shire are working steadily through the list of jobs we have supplied them with. The concrete at the east end of the clubhouse has been machined level.



The missing manhole covers in the rear carpark have been replaced and all the main drains vacuumed clean.

Gutters have been repaired and the handrails on the balcony repainted.

All the fire extinguishers and hoses have been inspected and the emergency lighting system checked and 2 faulty units reported.

In addition we have cleaned and oiled the balcony decks, whilst Steve Garcia has removed all the rubbish that had piled up near the water tanks.

As soon as we are allowed to re-open we will need your assistance to clean up the clubhouse and the gardens for the coming season.

FINANCE Treasurer's Report - Sept 2021

Unfortunately as the Club remains in Lockdown after Wednesday's announcements & sadly no sign of Bowls or Petanque resuming in the near future. Lockdown No.6 will impact again on our income & financial position.



Our accounts & Loan repayments will be paid from our trading account, and fortunately we are carrying some reserves for future payments. However, we will need to generate extra income to cover the loss of revenue.

I have just researched a better deal for our Gas A/C. Alinta was preferred but I found out their rates are variable so we are staying with Energy Aust as our Gas provider & they are giving the Club a \$100.00 off our next A/C.

Good Result!!

Again this year it's going to be a battle to stay in the "black" with basically NO income.

Hopefully ALL MEMBERS will understand the Club's tight financial position & some expenditure may need to be put on hold until funds are available. Last year some members were under the misapprehension that because the club is closed we have no costs. However, this is far from the case as we have utility expenses such as the Telstra, Coastcom Security monitoring, Gas,

Electricity and Water connection costs, rent, insurance and eftpos rental all of which means our general expenses add up to close to \$500 per week.

Loan Repayment:

We repay \$3,000.00 monthly plus interest of around \$500. This is of course is currently being taken out of the reserves rather than being covered by bowls green fees.

To minimise costs we have suspended our contracts: Cleanaway - General & Co-mingle waste bins & Sanitary Bins. She Shines Services - Clubhouse Cleaner.

Income:

With the current Lockdown the Club has NO Income except - a big "Thank You" to those Members who are supporting the "Lockdown Lotto" which will give the Club \$825 towards our expenditure. Last year we sold 2 sets of numbers so it was somewhat disappointing that now we have over 300 members, we only managed one set, but hopefully more people will come on board if we run another one..

"Thank You" also to those Members supporting the "Lucky Number Squares" organised by Irene Hey. Proceeds from these draws will enable upgrades or new equipment like a new 85cm TV in the Clubhouse.

Winter Bowls: Very short season - only 6 Weeks which has had a huge impact not only our Income but only 1 Bendigo Bank Challenge was able to be played against Mornington.

Summer Season:

Opening Day is deferred & all our Bowls & Petanque events are also cancelled until the Club reopens.

Don't forget the "Zoom" Happy Hour & Members draw each Friday at 5pm until we reopen. Jackpot this Friday is \$60

"keep safe & well" until we are all back playing Bowls & Petanque.

Celia Patrick
Club Treasurer

SHORT MEMORY LOSS CAN SOMETIMES WORK TO YOUR ADVANTAGE

Robert , 85, married Jenny, a lovely 25 year old

Since her new husband is so old, Jenny decides that after their wedding she and Robert should have separate bedrooms, because she is concerned that her new but aged husband may over-exert himself if they spend the entire night together.

After the wedding festivities Jenny prepares herself for bed and the expected knock on the door. Sure enough the knock comes, the door opens and there is Robert, her 85 year old groom, ready for action. They unite as one... All goes well, Robert takes leave of his bride, and she prepares to go to sleep.

After a few minutes, Jenny hears another knock on her bedroom door, and it's Robert, Again he is ready for more 'action'. Somewhat surprised, Jenny consents for more coupling. When the newlyweds are done, Robert kisses his bride, bids her a fond good night and leaves.

She is set to go to sleep again, but, aha, you guessed it Robert is back again, rapping on the door and is as fresh as a 25 - year - old, ready for more 'action'. And, once more they enjoy each other.

But as Robert gets set to leave again, his young bride says to him, 'I am thoroughly impressed that at your age you can perform so well and so often. I have been with guys less than a third of your age who were only good once. You are truly a great lover, Robert.'

Robert, somewhat embarrassed, turns to Jenny and says: 'You mean I was here already?'

The moral of the story from Phil Gude is:

Don't be afraid of getting old, dementia has its advantages.

BOWLS



Winter bowls is finished and we're not sure when Summer bowls will start. The Club Opening Day was rescheduled to the 2nd of October but even that date is uncertain.

Volunteers.

Community Bowls. Hayden Rees has volunteered to contact businesses to encourage them to enter a team in our new Community Bowls program which are hoping to run from the start of February to mid March on Wednesday evenings. We will still need volunteers to assist with running the event.

Barefoot Bowls. Hank has volunteered himself and Brenda to cook the sausages and Ron Turner and Rod Challis (bless their cotton socks) are the only other members who have volunteered to assist. Perhaps everyone is waiting until lockdown is over before talking to me but we really need to run this important program for the club. I'm thinking that perhaps I could draw up a roster of all fit and able members to help out but we still need a person or a couple that can coordinate the evenings. If you think you might be able to help but are not sure of what is involved I can step you through what is needed and you can decide if you can do some or all of the requirements.

Geoff Stewart and Nola Osborne have done an amazing job to create the calendar of events and the diary dates.

Fifteen students from Balcombe Grammar attended a training session at the club on Tuesday afternoon 3/8/21. This was arranged by Richard Miller. And on coaching matters we've been fortunate to secure some grants which will be used to have some guest coaches at the club.

Pennant Sides. We have decided to submit the following side for the upcoming season. Saturday Open: five sides, Divisions 2 North, 2 South, 4 North, 5 and 6. Mid Week Open: three sides, Divisions 2, 5 and 6. Mid Week Restricted: two sides, Divisions 1 and 2. Ten sides in all, one more than last season.

Barry Woods

Bowls President

PÉTANQUE

Tournament and Competitions



On 14th July we held our inaugural Bastille Day tournament with 60 players from other clubs and U3A Rose Gardens participating, along with 20 bowlers joining us for lunch. In line with the French theme tables in the clubroom were decorated and many of the petanquers dressed up for the occasion. Feedback from the day was very positive and this will become an annual

event.

We have organised a mixed doubles competition to be held on Sunday 26th September and to date there are 19 teams from various Victorian petanque clubs registered. Hopefully Covid restrictions will be eased sufficiently to allow this day to proceed.

In exciting news the Petanque Federation of Australia has recently announced the inaugural National Club Championship to be held over 2 days in early December in Adelaide. All Australian clubs have been invited to register a team of six players. We have asked our members who wish to play to register their interest and a selection panel will choose the team to represent the club.

Congratulations to Geoff Shaw who came 1st in the St. Kilda Petanque Winter Competition which is held over a number of Sundays during winter. Well done!

Trivia Night Due to the impact of sudden Covid lockdowns making planning difficult for this evening which was to be held in October the committee has decided to postpone this event until April next year.

Facilities Sadly progress has been on hold during lockdown. The good news is our scoring posts are nearing completion and the office renovation is progressing with a little painting to be completed along some other minor work.

The terrain is settling down well and we are trialing different rolling methods to ensure the pistes are providing a variety of playing conditions.

Belinda Lightfoot

Medical experts today were asked if it is time to ease the COVID lockdowns. As reported by Tony Spring

Allergists were in favour of scratching it, but Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves.

Gastroenterologists had a sort of a gut feeling about it, but Neurologists thought the government had a lot of nerve.

Obstetricians felt certain everyone was labouring under a misconception, while Ophthalmologists considered the idea short-sighted.

Many Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" while Paediatricians said, "Oh, grow up!"

Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while Radiologists could see right through it.

Surgeons decided to wash their hands of the whole thing and pharmacists claimed it would be a bitter pill to swallow.

Plastic Surgeons opined that this proposal would "put a whole new face on the matter."

Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but Urologists were pissed off by the whole idea.

Anaesthetists thought the whole idea was a gas, and Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no.

In the end, the Proctologists won out, leaving the entire decision up to the assholes in politics.

TIDY TOWNS AWARDS



After being advised that we are finalists in the Sustainable Communities section of the Tidy Towns awards we had to prepare a short video on a smart phone to be shown on their presentation night and on their website.

As we were unable to shoot this at the Club, with the help of the Shire, we have managed to put together a montage of photographs taken during the construction phase. Then with a narration added by Andrea Bowles, we have shown how we turned the decommissioned west green into a first class terrain and so keeping the heritage and culture of the site, to the benefit of the Mount Martha community. The final judging takes place by zoom on September 13th.