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## Wayne Taylor & Lesley Eade

Congratulations to Wayne & Lesley on becoming the 2022 Club Champions. Runners up were Barry Woods and Denny Phillips respectively.



## Mount Martha Bowls, Petanque and Social Club

### Mid Week Division 1 Premiers

**Tuesday March 29th-**  
Congratulations to our Division 1 side who were again crowned as premiers after withstanding a surge from West Rosebud in the Grand Final that closed the gap to 4 points late in the match, but our girls steadied and went on to win with an end to spare. A great team effort.



### Time for Change

On Thursday March 31st., members of the board and the bowls section committee sat down to discuss and review our operation to determine what we need to do to position Mount Martha as the club of choice for bowlers. As our average age is slowly climbing we realise we need to attract younger people to become members.



50% of the people living in Mt Martha are aged 40 –65 years of age, which must be our target market. However, our current bowls programmes do not accommodate them as they are working during the week or ferrying kids around Saturdays.

We saw our challenge as being a sporting club that aspires to build and retain champion players as well as a strong social club that is attractive to members of the community where members can come to relax and play.

The process will also provide us with the opportunity to review our existing bowls program and does it meet the needs of you our members.

It is also time for change for a new team to take over the responsibility of running the club.

This year the following positions become vacant Chairman, Treasurer, Sponsorship Director, Greens Director, Lady President, and Bowls Secretary. Although he has another year left in his current term Geoff King is more than happy if someone would like to take on the role of Club Secretary.

Rest assured we will be involving you all in the review.



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## Lynette & Wayne Taylor selected as Regional Representatives



Congratulations are certainly due to both Wayne & Lynette on both being selected in the MPBR representative sides due to play at Echuca 0n April 8-10th.

Since joining the club at a Try Bowls Day at the end of 2018, the Taylors have certainly played their part in developing a profile not only for themselves but also for the club around the region.

## Mount Martha Bowls Petanque and Social Club

### Jennifer Shaw Memorial Tournament April 1st.

Well done and thank you to everyone who contributed to making our Jennifer Shaw Memorial Tournament such a big success. We have received excellent feedback about the day from other club's players and it is all positive! Congratulations go to all placegetters and it is excellent to see Sue and Ian Barron (along with Eileen) taking out third place representing our club.

A special thanks goes to Peter Norton who quietly and efficiently mastered the petanque scoring system and did a fantastic job, ably assisted by Geoff Turner who had the depth of knowledge about petanque competitions! Without competent scorers a tournament can go "pear-shaped" very quickly!!

Having Warlimont & Nutt as Sponsors was greatly appreciated and having impromptu gifts was a very pleasant surprise.

Our current playing days and times:

Tuesday – please note we are now starting **on Tuesdays at 3pm** as daylight saving time has ended. 3 games. BYO light meal for afterwards at 6pm in the club house.

Wednesday – registration at 1.45pm for 2pm start. 3 games. Afternoon tea.

Friday – registration 1.45pm for 2pm start. 3 games. Happy hour at 5pm. BYO BBQ 6pm.



## Club AGMS

You will shortly be receiving notices advising you of the dates for the Annual General meetings.



The Petanque Section AGM is on Friday April 29th. @ 12 noon

The Bowls Section is on Tuesday May 10th @ 1.30 pm

The Club AGM is on Tuesday May 10th. @ 2.30 pm

Nomination forms and proxy forms will be sent out with the notices of the meetings.





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## Clubhouse Extension

Now that we have 300 members it is obvious that the current clubhouse no longer meets our requirements. So we have submitted to the shire as part of their budgeting process suggestions to remove the existing temporary wall and extend the rooms by 9 metres.

This will allow for a meeting room, extend the bar to provide an area where members can sit and enjoy a drink and a chat after the game.

## Cashless Society

During covid we have seen an increase in the number of people that prefer to pay by credit card.

For example both Pop Up Petanque and Barefoot Bowls took pre-paid bookings online and so those organising the evening did not have to worry about reconciling a cash account.

Image working in the bar or in the office if you did not have to balance the till.

So we have applied for a grant to cover the cost of purchasing the hardware and associated software to convert to a cashless society. At the same time we hope that you will eventually be able to enter club championships, pay for social events and meals online.

## Mount Martha Bowls, Petanque and Social Club

### Winter Bowls

On Saturday May 7th our Winter Bowls Program commences.

We will be offering Open nominated Triples on Mondays, followed by Social Bowls on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Uniform for all events is mufti and play commences at 11 am.

Bring your own lunch or order a pie or pastie before the game. Cup of soup will also be available.

The sheets for the nominated event will be available shortly so you can enter your team.

As with any event we will need your help to work in the office so please indicate which day(s) you are available.

On the last Friday in each month we play the Mt Martha/Mornington Winter Challenge. Sponsored by the Bendigo Bank, we alternate between the two clubs. So check your diary for the venue each month.



## Community Bowls Challenge.



On Wednesday Nights there are 8 teams competing in the annual Community Bowls Challenge. As you can see this is a bit down on our last competition. But this is a very important

part of our membership programme as not only are we encouraging people who are still working to come along and play but we obviously are aiming for them to get the bowls bug and want to join up as members, whether now or in the future.

Barry Woods was able to engage Cathy from Sangers to provide meals for the players before the game and a good number of members have also come along to have a kitchen free night. We are looking to see how we can expand on this. At Lara Bowls they had a very positive response to a parma & pot night on Wednesdays that are open to the community and now average 70 people every week. At the same time they have gained 100 new members and 20 bowlers.



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## Cathie Harris Night Owls Challenge Winner

Throughout the summer season Monday Nights have been filled with the sound of music and much laughter as the Night Owls Challenge continued under lights.

On the final night Cathie Harris was presented with the Perpetual Night Owl Trophy by event coordinators Di & Ben Bennett. Night Owls is a great way to ease yourself into the game.



Each week club coaches Ken Wall and Richard Miller have been playing and giving little tips to help improve our bowling.

## Mount Martha Bowls, Petanque and Social Club

### Supervets Morning Tea Monday March 28th.



It was great to see so many loyal supporters of the club at the supervets morning tea. Denny, Brenda, Di, Margaret, Barbara & Kerrin are to be congratulated on the food provided, and the way they set up the club rooms for the event. Max Goding representing the MPBR presented Bowls Vic badges to Jennifer Cripps, Barb & Chris Cowley, Tony Hitchman, Roger Mead, Col Marshall, Martin Peeters, Bob Russo, Val Stanley & Josi Wensley

## Blues Music Programme

Run and promoted in conjunction with Martha Salt Music our Blues Music Nights have been very successful in generating additional funds for the club. Originally planned to be held every fortnight from June last year because of covid the 2nd show only took place in November and a December one had to be cancelled due to a band member having covid.

Starting again after Easter there are 2 great shows lined up. So if you haven't been along yet why not make up a table and enjoy a great night of music.

To book go to the Martha Salt Music website. Doors open at 7.30 and the music starts at 8.30. You bring along your own nibbles.

