



Down The line

October
2022



New Members

We are pleased to welcome

Bowls Section

Ken Dean

Robert Grant

Evan Hughes

Lachlan King

Tony Maruzzi

Josh McCormack

Petangue Section

Gilles Bachet

Catherine Ferris

Cliff Ferris

Jo Fowler

Simon Greenhill

Neville Paruit

Social

Stephen Jacks

Lesley Jacks

Working Bee

Unfortunately both our keen gardeners who looked after the front entrance driveway have moved away and so we have organised a gardening party on Friday October 28th at 9.00am.

Whilst the plan is to remove some of the larger plants that have grown too large the other main task will be to weed along the driveway. This will be an easy job after all the rain we have received, and something we can all help in. This is a task for all members. So please set aside an hour or so to help out. It can be either on the day or at a time more convenient for you

Mount Martha Bowls, Petanque and Social Club

“Try Bowls” Sunday October 16h.

New Members are the lifeblood of the club and the major recruitment promotion for this season is always our annual Try Bowls Day in October. This year was a big success thanks to many of you that made it possible. 100 people turned up; 60 adults and 40 children and both greens were full of people having fun. The weather was perfect which helped us to attract a big crowd. Many thanks to the organising committee which came with some good strategies. The idea to rebrand the day as a free barefoot bowls day was a winner as was the electronic sign and also the purchase of teardrop flags which were put up at the entry. Big thanks to 25 volunteers that came along A lot of work, but there was a feeling of a sense of pride and camaraderie and thus the work was enjoyable. Thanks also to those who took some flyers and distributed them around the neighbourhood prior to the day. Every bit helps. The next challenge is how we are going to handle free coaching lessons for the almost 40 people who requested them. Well done everyone. We have demonstrated we are a TEAM where Together Everybody Achieves More! Most importantly if you see a face around the club that you do not recognise please make them feel welcome

Melbourne Cup Day



Tuesday November 1st.

Come along and enjoy Melbourne Cup Day. Starting at 10.30am with a game of petanque or bowls then retire in to the

clubhouse where the “Honest Bookies” will be waiting to help you to place your bets on the various sweeps.

All of this combined with a Chicken & Champagne Luncheon.

Interstate Petanque Challenge August 25/26th.

What a coup for the Club, that Mt Martha was chosen to host the Australian Inter State Pétanque Championships . Mt Martha had dual member Jen Cuthbert playing for the victorious Victoria team, beating five other States in the Over 60s section. Plus Victoria finished a creditable second to South Australia in the Open. Geoff Shaw & Ros Allen were also in action in the ACT Team & Peter Cuthbert was the Coach for a PFA Team, making four of our members involved. Well done to them all! There was so much praise for the Club & worthy quotes include: Rosemary Wall, Past President of the PFA from Newcastle & NSW, “ Fabulous weekend, so well organised and even the Victorian weather came to the party. Mount Martha is a very impressive club and full marks for them wonderful volunteer staff who made things run so smoothly”. Jeff Langdon, Tournament Director & PFA from NSW





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JACK ATTACK TO BOWL OVER A NEW AUDIENCE

As part of our Recruitment Programme we are looking to bowl over a new audience for the sport of bowls, with the introduction of a Bowls Australia-backed Jack Attack initiative. Jack Attack is designed to increase social participation in the sport of bowls, by filling the current gap in the market between competitive pennant play and social/bare-foot/corporate bowls. The game's social, fast-paced format helps boost participation numbers, by appealing to people opposed to playing in longer traditional formats and by providing a more structured competition than barefoot bowls. Jack Attack capitalises on the success of the televised Bowls Premier League competition; closely replicating the style of play through its format and time-limits. Competition involves teams of three, with more players able to be registered to accommodate for busy lifestyles, and substitutions permitted in each game, with each match lasting little more than 60 minutes. We hope Jack Attack will be the catalyst for further participants trying their hand at the sport and rolling them



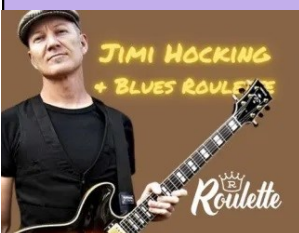
down more often. Jack Attack will be played regularly, over 6 weeks commencing Wednesday November 9th. Jack Attack entry forms are available at the Club so please sign up your friends and neighbours. Cost is just \$30 per week per team, irrespective of the number of players.

Mixed Doubles Pétanque Tournament -Sunday 25th September

Another successful Tournament as Mt Martha hosted 27 pairs. It was brilliant to see a few new & inexperienced club members enter their first tournament and, by all accounts play well. At the top end there were several higher ranked players and congratulations to the winners and the top two Mt Martha players, Ros & Geoff who finished in the prizes. Huge thanks to Fenian Wines for their generous sponsorship of the event.



Blues Music Nights



The Blues Music Nights continue to be a great alternative source of income for the Club.

On October 22nd. The House Full signs were out. Whilst Jim Hocking & The Roulette entertained the patrons, as they danced the night away, our wonderful bar team were kept busy

satisfying their thirsts.

50% of the tickets for next show on November 12th featuring The Mick Peeling Band are already sold. Mick Peeling the legendary Stars front man is widely regarded as one of Australia's finest voice in rock soul and country rock. Book at Martha Salt.





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Friday November 25th
Don Jones presents
"The Magic of Laughter"



The Magic of Laughter
FEATURING LEGENDARY COMEDIAN DON JONES

TICKETS
\$10

Back by popular demand
Comedy, Songs, Parodies, Magic & Audience Participation
We are thrilled to announce Don Jones is performing his new show
The Magic of Laughter at Mount Martha Bowls & Petanque Club
45 Watson Road, Mount Martha
on Friday November 25th at 7.00 pm.
Don is sure to put a smile on your dial and joy in your heart as you sit back
and experience The Magic Of Laughter.
To Book - sign up on the list in the foyer

Don Jones is a traditional comedian with a quick repartee who thrives on interaction with his audience. He is an award winning magician and family friendly comedian, Don's style is a mixture of comedy magic, observational comedy with funny and classic one-liners, stories, and songs.

Last time Don appeared at the club with his Lively Lads show it was a sell out and everyone went home with their sides aching.

Tickets are just \$10 so look for the list in the foyer to signup.

Bring your own nibbles.

Show starts at 7.00 pm so please be seated by 6.45pm.

BAREFOOT BOWLS & POP UP PETANQUE START AGAIN DECEMBER 2ND.



Following the success we had last year with our Barefoot Bowls and POP Up Petanque events we are gearing up for an even bigger season, commencing on Friday December 2nd. People will be able to book online

**POP-UP
Petanque**

Join the fun of playing petanque with your family, friends, work colleagues - form a group or come along yourself to meet new friends
\$10 per person.
Watch the sunset while having fun, a beer or wine, and a BBQ sausage. Twilight sessions every Friday from start of December.
Special group sessions can be booked by arrangement.

45 Watson Rd Mt Martha
0499 413 418
mountmartha.bowls.com.au

again which makes it so much easier for those running each night. No need to reconcile large sums of money.

Barefoot bowls is a great way for any organisation or a group of friends to celebrate the festive season

Last year the covid restrictions limited us to 100 barefoot bookings per night but this year we will be able to increase this to at least 20-30%.

The bar and BBQ will be there to quench players thirsts and fill the hunger pangs.



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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Club Championships are now underway for both Petanque and Bowls.

The calendar for the Bowls Section and format are shown on page 104 of the club diary and on the whiteboard in the foyer. Closing dates for entries are:



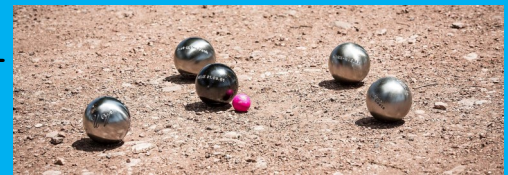
- Club Singles Wednesday 19 October 2022 at 5.00pm
- Open Novice Singles Sunday 20 November 2022 at 5.00pm
- Men's & Ladies' Pairs Wednesday 18 January 2023 at 5.00pm
- Open Handicap Singles Sunday 29 January 2023 at 5.00pm
- Mixed Pairs Wednesday 15 February 2023 at 5.00pm
- Men's & Ladies' Minor Singles Sunday 19 February 2023 at 5.00pm

Petanque Rules

Play to PFA rules, as normal. Play with 3 boules each.

Play to 13, unless you both agree before the start to make it timed, as is likely before or after Social Day's play.

Arrange your matches between yourselves. It is the responsibility of everyone to do this. If anyone has issues in this respect, let Sue know. [See below] we strongly suggest that games are attempted to be played earlier than later for obvious reasons.



It is the responsibility of the Winner to send Sue Barron the result & score as soon as possible afterwards, unless agreed that the other player will do this. Do Check that YOU BOTH agree on the score too! Please send by text message to 0424434401, rather than email so we don't miss any results.

Remember RESULTS to be submitted by Friday 28th October so the new draw can be made that weekend for the next month.

Time For Change

One topic that was raised at the Time For Change Sessions was the need to improve the ambience in the clubhouse. A number of suggestions were put forward.



Headed up by John Renowden we have presented our initial thoughts to the Shire about extending the size of the clubhouse. A set of more detailed plans have been drawn up and we are now awaiting an indicative quote to add nine metres onto the west end of the clubhouse.

In addition we have been invited by the Bendigo Community Bank to submit an application to their Community Grants Program. They are making available \$200,000 to be split between 20 community groups.

Our thoughts are to request funds to help us to replace the tables and chairs plus incorporate partitions to break up the area depending on the number of people attending an event.

We have received some suggestions from one organisation and will be briefing one of our new Petanque members Gilles Bachet, who has considerable experience in this field, to propose an alternative solution.

Consideration is also being given to improving the appearance of the terrace outside the front door.

As more sketches become available we will share them with you for your comments.



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Founders Day November 10th

FOUNDERS DAY

Thursday 10th Nov 2022



NOMINATED 5 PERSON MIXED MEDLEY

SPONSORED BY:



20% less Bowling than recent years

2 Ladies & 3 Men or 3 Ladies & 2 Men

Bowlers must be affiliated with Bowls Victoria. Dress: Club Uniform preferably or Bowls Australia approved

Thursday 10th Nov 2022

Start: 10.30 am

GAMES:

Mixed 4s, Mixed Triples, Mens & Ladies Singles, Mens & Ladies Pairs. Each player will take turns as Lead, Second and Skip

Entry Fee on the day = \$75 per Team (\$15 per person). Limit of 16 teams

BYO Lunch

Catered Afternoon Tea

Entries close: Monday 7th November

LADY - PLAYER 1	LADY - PLAYER 2	MAN or LADY - PLAYER 3	MAN - PLAYER 4	MAN - PLAYER 5
Ladies Singles Player (Round 1) & Skip Ladies Triples (Round 3)	Skip for Ladies Pairs (Round 2)	Skip for Mens Triples (Round 2) & Skip Mixed 4s (Round 4)	Skip for Mens Pairs (Round 3)	Mens Singles Player (Round 4) & Skip Mixed 4s (Round 1)

As this event commemorates our founders, the event is primarily for MM Members, however friends off MM members can be included to complete a team of 5

Tournament Contacts: Geoff Stewart 0417 324 038, D1 Bennett 049 160 482 or Ian Farmer on 0428 516 055

Thursday November 10th Mixed Medley

Note this important event in the Club's Calendar is fast approaching. It provides the opportunity to reflect on the wonderful job the founding members achieved in setting up our Club.

Founders Day is now a little over weeks away on Thursday 10th November 2022

Refer attached Flyer.

The Entry Sheet for Team and Single Entries is now in the Foyer.

We have retained the Traditional Mixed 5 Person Medley Team Format.

A feature of this Medley is that members have the opportunity to play in a range of game formats and team positions.

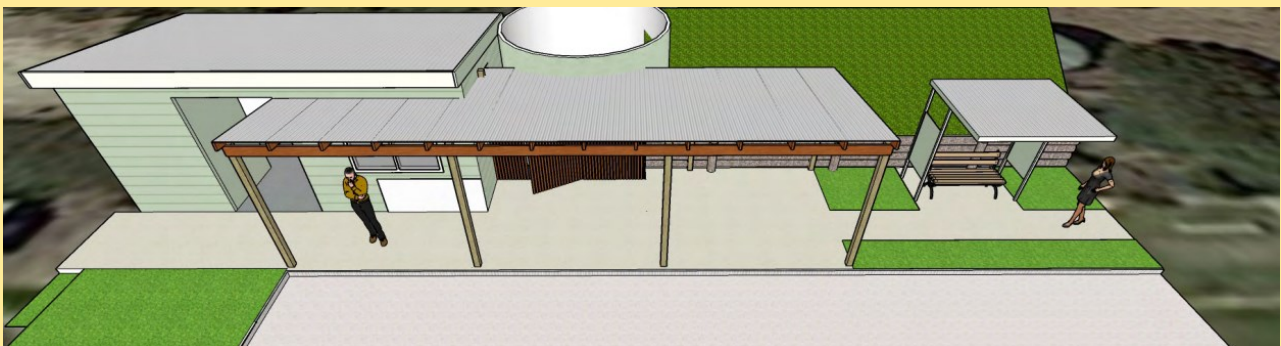
We have Ladies and Men's Singles, Ladies and Men's Pairs, Mixed Triples and Mixed 4s.

The teams of 5 players must comprise either 3 Ladies and 2 Men or 3 Men and 2 Ladies.

Whilst this event Celebrates the establishment of the Club, in building a team please feel free to invite members from other clubs to supplement your team as well as invite former club members.

SHADE GRANT.

We have received advice that we have been successful with our application for a Mornington Peninsula Shire 2023 Placemaking Grant for \$10,000. We have submitted a design for a patio



Shelter running in front of the office and past the water tank. We are now be able to proceed quite quickly as we would have sufficient funds. A big thanks to Gilles Bachet and Geoff Shaw for all the design concepts and quotes.