



Bentleigh Bowling Club

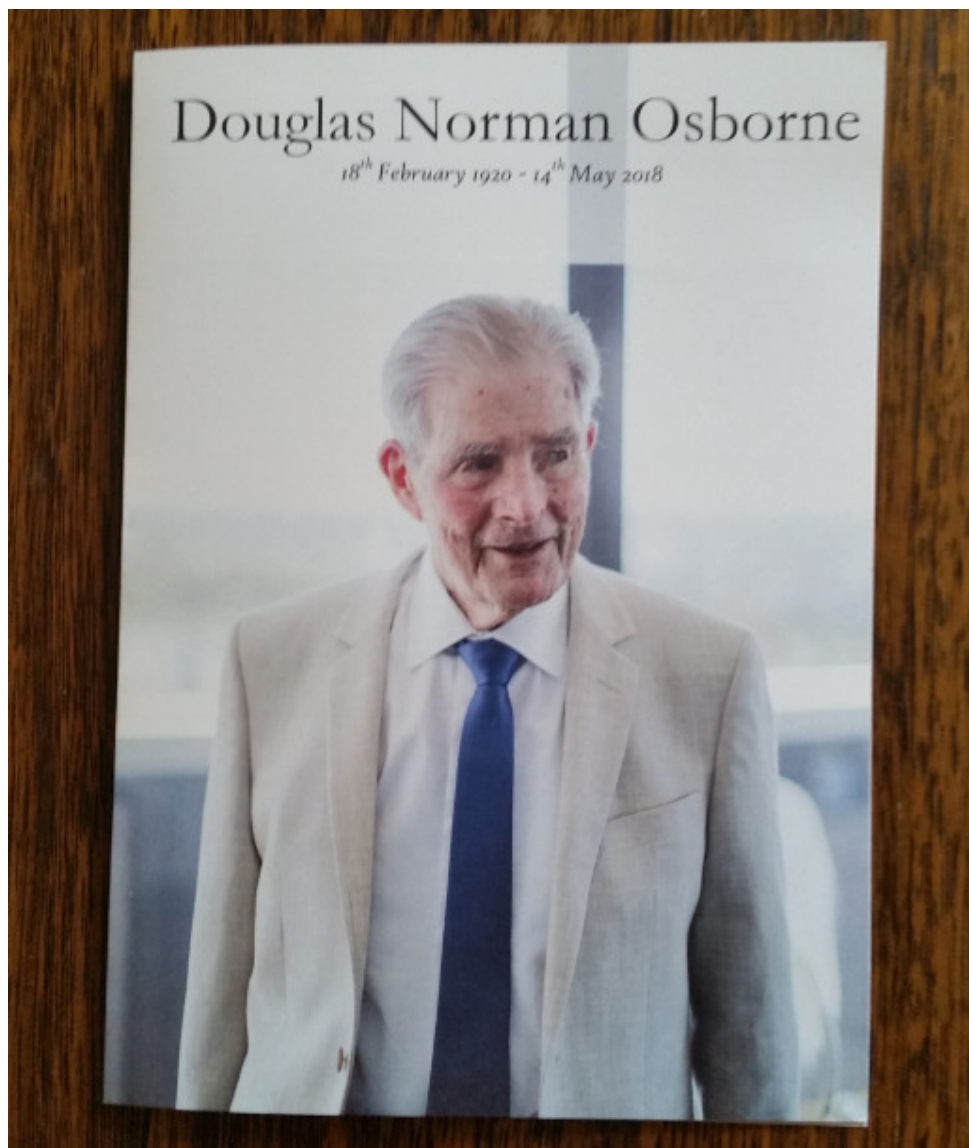


JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

Our purpose is to be a *respected and competitive* lawn bowls club that also provides members and guests with a *fun, safe and social* off-green environment...

Our ambition is to be the *most respected* Club in our region...

This Newsletter is dedicated to the memory of



Listen Up! A Word from Ron...

Welcome to our New Members!



I'm delighted to welcome new members to our Club:

- Sue Dusting
- Bill Campbell

Sue and Bill are joining us from Hampton RSL.

We have been very fortunate with people choosing to join our Club. As you know, the 5th side was just created this season, and we are well on track towards entering a 6th side next year!

Farewell to Doug Osborne

We were very saddened to receive the news that Doug Osborne passed away on 14th May, age 98. Thank you to **Mark Thompson** for providing his notes on the eulogy he delivered at Doug's funeral on Monday 21st May....

Doug was a valued member of the Bentleigh Bowling Club for well over 50 years where he played all formats of the game: pennant, club championships (singles, pairs, fours etc).

He was President in 1970 and was made a Life member of the Club in 1983 and until his passing was our "number one" ticket holder. Doug was made Life member of the RVBA (now Bowls Vic) in 1994. In 2000, Doug was awarded the Queen's Australian Sports Medal in recognition of his bowling achievements.

Doug was 7 times Club Champion and also 10 times Club Pairs Champion. Twice Group 15 (now Sandbelt Bowls Region) Champion of Champions plus runner up on at least one other occasion, winner of Group 15 over 60s in the Fours back to back in 2001/02 and 2002/03. Doug was a member of the Div2 Section winning team in 2005 that went on to make the semis of the overall Div 2 metro final.

Overall Doug was described by many as

- Calm – when you play with him, at cross over he would always encourage never disparage his team.
- Brilliant at times, competitive and never ruffled.
- Holding shot, he'd just draw another, then another.....
- No histrionics – Doug kept the game real simple.
- Extremely good under pressure.
- A great and reliable team player.

Doug's memory will continue at Bentleigh for a long while to come, with a green and one of our most prestigious awards named in his honour.

Doug, on behalf of the Bentleigh Bowling Club, thanks for the memories, enjoy the journey and we'll see you on your green soon.

AGM

Once again, we had a fantastic turn out for the AGM last Sunday – the whole Committee and I are very grateful that members show such an interest in the management of our Club. It was also pleasing that it was much less difficult to secure nominations for Committee this year than it has been in years past. Well done to all!

We still have a key vacancy for the role of Barefoot Bowls Convener. We would like to see a vibrant summer Barefoot / Social Bowls season in order to introduce prospective new bowlers to our Club and also to generate a new source of revenue so that we can achieve our Clubroom development aims. If you have any interest in this role, please see Steve Brady to find out more.

A number of topics came up in General Business for your new Committee to address, in particular the process by which Selectors are appointed. While the process had no material impact this year, a show of hands indicated there was strong (but not unanimous) support for change. We call for and will look at alternative processes and will discuss these with members prior to finalising the preferred approach to be put to members in a formal vote.

Our new Beer System is in

... and the results are even better than we thought! We now have 3 draught beers on tap: Carlton, VB and Cascade Light. For our bar volunteers, you'll be pleased to know that it's now much easier to pour a great beer and very little wastage. For the beer aficionados – it's cleaner and colder!

Special thanks to **Trevor Hanby** and **John Simpson** for the prep work you did to get the bar and cool room ready for the new system! A big job boys and very well done!

Naturally, we had a QA team on site to make sure everything was just right. Here they are getting ready to swing into action testing the first pour...



Bowling Matters!

Winter Social Bowls



We're getting great turn outs again this year for the Winter Bowls with the two lower greens almost to capacity. We have a number of visitors joining us from Brighton, Elsternwick Club and even Frank and Bernie Garden venturing all the way from Essendon! Great to have you join us!

From The Coach's Box



Sunday Coaching Clinics.

Peter Blee will be available for coaching clinics on Sunday mornings from 11:00am.

The year ahead will be challenging for ALL sides – each side will either have to fight for promotion or fight to hold their own and establish themselves in their new division.

Brand new bowlers are highly encouraged to take advantage of the coaching clinics to ensure they get their bowls careers off to a great start by developing a stable and reliable action / style.

Social News

Bentleigh BC's famous Curry Night – Thursday 21 June!



Got a favourite curry recipe from Asia, the Subcontinent or even Africa or the Middle East? Cook up a batch and share it with your mates at the **BBC Curry Night!**

\$5 per person – chefs free.

Our visiting Winter Social Bowlers are most welcome to join us on this evening.

We'll need some help in the kitchen on the night. Please let **Paul Wagland** know what you're going to cook up and/or if you can help out in the kitchen with set up and clean up....

Hot Dogs – get your Hot Dogs!



Wags is putting on a Hot Dog night on Thursday 5th July (near enough to yankee Independence Day). There'll be plenty of porky hot-diggedy-dog goodness for everyone.

Sports Night?

We haven't had a Winter Sports Night for a couple of years so I'm hoping we can talk the "brat pack" of **Clarky, Wags, Watto, Morri** and **Crumpy** into running another one for us in the next couple of months – a medley of naff events may await to keep us amused on a cold winter's night, but I need your help to talk them into it!

BBC Shennigans

For once, you guys are letting me down and there are no Shenanigans to report on this month (that I know of). I think it's mainly due to **Robbie Michael** being pretty scarce around the Club while he's ditching the smokes!