FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

It is finally my pleasure to announce that the Board has made a decision on the No 1 Green. We are replacing the grass with a synthetic surface similar to the No 2 Green. Work will start mid-September and the green should be ready for us towards the end of October.

Having thought earlier this year that we could persevere with the Tiftdwarf at least till the end of this year, we were advised by our greens contractor that the disease in the grass would likely not be eradicated and that we should consider alternatives.

By this time the Board had set up a Working Group to deal with this matter. This group met on three occasions, examined all the available information and finally recommended that a synthetic surface be installed.

The record of the final meeting to this Group held on 13th July, 2015 is printed separately in this newsletter so members can gain some insight into the rationale for this decision (page 4).

The Board accepted this recommendation and has moved to implement the decision.

In short order: the Board has capped total expenditure of the new Green at $180,000. At the A.G.M there was $130,000 in the bank. A couple of other projects are under consideration including bar renovations and replacement of shades behind the two greens at a total cost of up to $20,000. About $30,000 is needed for working capital. Contrary to our earlier expectation, a new approach to the Bank yielded a positive result. We are able to borrow, using a line of credit to the extent of $100,000. Repayments over six to seven years cost a little less annually than the cost of maintaining grass. The difference, of course, is that a grass green would mean less money up front but high annual maintenance costs. With the synthetic green, the total cost has to be found up-front.

The Board thus faced the dilemma of burdening the Club with continued high maintenance on a grass green going forward or burdening the Club with borrowings to be paid off. It opted for the latter.

I believe the decision represents a massive act of faith in the future of our Club. It commits us to perpetual borrowing given there are two synthetic surfaces to be replaced, probably at 6 or 7 years intervals. We are confident it can be done.

In many ways, the Club is at the crossroads this year. There is great potential, but the potential has to be realised and it will not be realised whilst the majority of members turn up for a bowl and wander off home again. It needs all members to commit to the direction the Board has set and not left to a handful to do all the heavy lifting. Let us start, for example, of going back to the clubhouse after a game and sharing a drink with your fellow members. It would help both the revenue and the spirit of the Club.

Peter Teggelove, President
Rosebud Tournament dates: @ Rosebud Thur 8th October. Return visit @ Clifton Springs Wed 30th March. 2016

An Umpires and Measurers reaccreditation to be held 22nd July. New Measurers Course 19th August or 2nd September. Rosemary Sexton to attend.

MIDWEEK PENNANT Selectors recommendation for 3 teams of 12 players, plus 1 team of 9 (Triples). Saturday Pennant recommendations still to be confirmed.

This season Assembled Mixed Social Bowls will be running in conjunction with pennant. Harry Lynas will organise days. Any helpers please see Harry.

On the 24th January the Club will be holding a 5 player Medley Day. Please advertise amongst your friends. Also the 3rd April. Bert Reddie Memorial Day.

The Drill Sessions that have been held so far, have been well attended and are proving to be good practice. The bottom green has been marked out for drills if you want to practice at any time.

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News from the Midweek Pennant Selection Committee

Midweek Pennant Training - Committee and Larry discussed previous arrangements for pennant practice and agreed that midweek pennant practice for 2015-2016 will commence at 1.30pm on Mondays from 7th Sept, with skills and circuit training making up approx. every 2 out of 3 sessions.

Tuesday 1 Sept at 1.00 p.m.: there will be a midweek pennant skills and coaching session (no social bowls that day)

MIDWEEK PENNANT PRACTICE - Larry is arranging plans for practice matches as follows:

Tuesday 8 September 10.00a.m. - Midweek pennant practice match at home (CSBC teams)
Tuesday 15 September 10.00a.m. Midweek pennant practice match- away- at Portarlington
Tuesday 22 September 10.00a.m. Midweek pennant practice match- away- at Leopold

Rosemary Sexton, Chair Midweek Selection

SATURDAY PENNANT PRACTICE

SAT. 12th September Away to Pt.Lonsdale
SAT. 19th September Home to Geelong.
SAT. 26th September Away to Leopold. 9.30am. start
SUNDAY 27th September Away to Leopold 9.30am Start. Round Robin vs Leopold, Belmont and Victoria (4 rinks only)
FRIDAY 2nd October Away to Portarlington.

GBR PENNANT DATES TO DECEMBER 2015

SATURDAY PENNANT:
Round 1: October 10th
Round 2: October 17th
Round 3: October 24th
Round 4: October 31st
Round 5: November 14th
Round 6: November 21st
Round 7: November 28th
Round 8: December 5th
Round 9: December 12th
Round 10: December 19th

MIDWEEK PENNANT:
Round 1: September 29th
Round 2: October 6th
Round 3: October 13th
Round 4: October 20th
Round 5: October 27th
Round 6: November 5th (Thu)
Round 7: November 17th
Round 8: November 24th
Round 9: December 1st
Round 10: December 8th
Round 11: December 15th
COACHING: What's my role as a pennant player?
In a pennant team each player has a different role, it is important to understand these Roles.

LEAD: Places the mat at the discretion of the skip. Roll the jack as close to the distance determined by the skip. Plays draw shots close to jack helping lay a good foundation for the development of the head. The lead should practise delivering the jack and perfect the basic shot of the game, (the draw shot) Bowls within 2 feet would be considered a good bowl, and for a good game you would need over 30 bowls from 50 to achieve that.

SECOND: Is the scorer and checks with opponent at the completion of each end. The second should have the capabilities to draw the shot or to a position as requested by the skip. Should be competent in playing weighted shots, especially 1 to 2 metres over the head without losing their bowl. Needs to be a versatile and competent player.

THIRD: Should be versatile and experienced player. Should be confident in playing all the shots. Draw, metre on, wrestling shot on shot and drive. Becomes in charge when the ends change over, answers questions from the skipper and may give advice on shots. Acts as measurer. Should have good knowledge of the rules.

SKIP: Is the person in charge of the team, must encourage players at all times, have the capabilities to get the best from the team. Never be critical of players. Needs to have tactical and bowling skills. Directs players to develop the head. Comprehensive knowledge of the rules. Have an understanding the way the game is going and how it can be changed. Don’t just go with the flow, be brave, there is no harm in trying to change it; if we are losing there’s only 1 way to go. Always have the total score in your mind, team over individuals rinks.

If anyone would like further development in any of the above we can organise a session around this (i.e. a group session for leaders etc) or work on it at coaching session.

Larry
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ADVANCE NOTICE OF SYLLABUS DATES FOR CLUB TOURNAMENTS 2015/2016

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WINTER COACHING
Skill drill sessions:
Saturday 1st August —10am-12pm
Saturday 8th August —10am-12pm
Saturday 29th August —10am-12pm
No 3 Green has been marked for personal drill sessions.

Social Bowls:
Tuesdays @ 11.00 am
Wednesdays @ 1.00 pm
Fridays @ 10.00 am
Saturdays @ 1.00 pm
1st Wednesdays @ 10.00 am

REMINDER—EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT MEMBERS DRAW IS HELD @ 6 OCLOCK SHARP. YOU ONLY NEED TO PURCHASE A DRINK AT THE BAR TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN. THE PRIZE JACKPOTS IF MEMBER IS NOT PRESENT.

SPECIAL NIGHT—FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST—CASSEROLE NIGHT
Record of Meeting of Working Group on Greens

13th July, 2015

Present: P Teggelove, A Baulch, L Johnson, J Townsend (Board); R Nichol (Bowls Committee); R Sexton, G Mitchell (Selection); A Nettley (Marketing); L Donohue (Coach); J Ryan, J Sutton, H Lymas.

Apology: K Markham.

The President, Peter Teggelove, reminded members that the previous meeting on 2 June had recommended that the No 1 Tiftdwarf green be converted back to bent grass, based on the assumption that as no borrowings were available, the Club did not have the financial capacity to do otherwise.

Since then people had expressed strong reservations having regard to previous problems with grass on this green; the perceived escalation of conversions costs; and the high maintenance costs of grass.

In light of this it was felt the Club should explore all possible options and if necessary review the earlier decision. There was urgency about the situation as the greens contractor expected to be notified before mid-July re conversion back to bent grass.

The Club invited one of the Turf companies to visit and supply quotations on synthetic surfaces and to make another approach to Bendigo Bank. Meetings were held with both parties on the same day. The results were encouraging, to say the least. Most importantly, Bendigo Bank, having perused our financials, advised and later confirmed that it would make available borrowing to the extent of $100,000.

The Turf Company provided firm quotations for three different synthetic surfaces for both the No 1 and No 3 Greens.

They came in as follows:

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<td>1. BOWLSWEAVE (Carpet)</td>
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<td>11. NEEDLEPUNCH (Like Leopold)</td>
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<td>111. SUPERGRASS (Like our No 2)</td>
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The difference between the two greens of about $40,000 is on account of earthworks required on No 1 green plus a new plinth required on No 1 green for Supergrass.

The meeting considered the details of these quotations. It was agreed the Club cannot maintain three greens and with the uncertainty of what sub-surface work might be required on No 3 green it was agreed the Club should concentrate on No 1 and 2 greens for playing purposes and that no 3 green be retained for practice for a long as it lasts.

Discussion came back to the No 1 green and the two basic questions; (a) what kind of surface do we prefer, and (b) what is the Club’s financial capacity?

The President supplied the details. As at the end of last financial year (30th March) the Club had $136K in the bank. There are a couple of other projects under consideration namely bar renovations and shades replacement estimated cost up to $20K. About $30K is needed for working capital (pay GST and other expenses). Banks’ borrowing terms require annual repayments about $20K. Maintenance costs of grass green will be closer to $25K.

Following lengthy discussion, the meeting agreed to recommend to the Board:

That the Club not proceed with conversion back to bent grass but install a synthetic surface on No 1 Green.

That the preferred synthetic surface is the SUPERGREEN partly sand-filled synthetic which will give us two greens that are alike and is within the financial capacity of the Club.

That the cost be capped at about $180K.

PERSONAL CIRCUIT TRAINING – GREEN 3

AS I SEE IT ….. with ROB

Jack Sutton, Rick Nichol and I have set out some Circuit Training exercises on Green 3. They are fairly self-explanatory, but we hope to have instructions up at the seating area soon. Training is done East-West, and starts at the shed end, rink 17. You can do these exercises without rink pegs and numbers, but the rink gear does make it easier. If you are going to have a try, remember to get the (long chain) key from the bowls office.

AND remember to PUT IT BACK.

Jack S. has made 3 mat positions for each rink. That enables you to practice short, medium and long ends just by selecting the mat position. Look for the white “U” shapes to put the mat into. The instructions are posted on a large board adjacent to the green, and also copies in the clubrooms.

Have fun on the green until I see you again in August.

…………..Rob

CLUB BADGE

Thanks to Rob McCubbin he has access to an online source for a Club badge— sample below. If you wish to obtain a new badge please order & pay $5 to either Rob or Jan T.