Bowls Victoria elections update

Each year Bowls Victoria conducts an election for half of the elected positions on its Board.

Nominations for vacancies on the Bowls Victoria Board closed on Friday 29 July at 4.30pm.

As there were two nominations received for two female vacancies on the Bowls Victoria Board, Barbara Gilbert and Valerie Savage are declared as the successful nominees.

Bowls Victoria advises that a ballot will be conducted for Bowls Victoria’s two available Male Elected Director positions.

There were three nominations received for the two vacant positions and the candidates are: John Fisher (Rutherglen BC), Phil Gude (Dromana BC) and Scot Nicholson (Ballan BC)

Information for the three candidates has now been distributed to clubs along with the authorised voting papers.

Timeline for conduct of the Bowls Victoria Board Election:

Tuesday, 16 August 2016 Voting papers issued to clubs.
Friday, 23 September 2016 Voting closes at 4.30pm.
Tuesday, 27 September 2016 Votes counted.
Wednesday, 28 September 2016 Declaration of election results.
Monday, 24 October 2016 Annual General Meeting.

Graeme Bridge
Returning Officer

Vic Country beat SA Development 4 - 0

The strength of regional Victorian bowls was apparent as a Vic Country selection produced clean sweeps in both 2016 men's and women's Test series against a South Australian Development Squad in Mildura.

Players in the Victorian team were hand-picked from Goulburn Valley, Bendigo Campaspe, Swan Hill, Mildura, Murray Mallee and Sunraysia areas, and featured State players like Brad Orr and Andrew Brown, mixed with young stars Brody Harker and Emma Simmonds and several of the 2016 Women’s Region Sides Championship-winning Bendigo Campaspe team..

Day one featured solid wins to the Victorian side, spearheaded by skip Brad Orr's rink in the men's and Roma Opie's four in the women's.

And the Vics had victory sealed on day two of the three-day event - Opie's rink registering a big 41-9 ladies' win to lead the women to a 47-shot overall triumph.

Eventually the Vic Country selection triumphed 4-0 in both Test series.

Overall best performed rinks were Ryan Tainton (s), Aaron Tomkins, Liam Crapper and Leigh Manning in the men's, and Opie's rink of Helen Clough, Dianne Gardner and State Under 18 starlet Simmonds.
Men’s Results
4 Test Win by Victorian Country Representative Side

Test 1 - Men’s Results
D Keenan 28 def D Glasbrook 26
B Orr 31 def C Flavel 15
M Smith 14 def by A Whiley 24
R Tainton 19 def A Cock 16
Vic Country 98 def SA Dev Squad 81

Test 2 - Men’s Results
B Orr 27 def A Cock 11
M Smith 15 def by D Glazbrook 17
R Tainton 20 def C Flavel 19
D Keenan 17 def by A Whiley 20
Vic Country 79 def SA Dev Squad 67

Test 3 - Men’s Results
M Smith 23 def A Cock 12
R Tainton 20 def A Whiley 15
D Keenan 26 def C Flavel 18
B Orr 16 def by D Glazbrook 21
Vic Country 85 def SA Dev Squad 66

Test 4 - Men’s Results
R Tainton 23 def D Glasbrook 15
D Keenan 24 def A Cock 11
B Orr 20 def by A Whiley 28
M Smith 22 def C Flavel 19
Vic Country 98 def SA Dev Squad 81

Best Performed Rink 4 Wins + 17 Shots
Ryan Tainton (s)
Aaron Tomkins
Liam Crapper
Leigh Manning

Ladies Results
4 Test Win by Victorian Country Representative Side

Test 1 - Ladies Results
R Opie 25 def M Tumbas 13
J Fairchild 11 def by R Heitmann 22
S Howes 29 def Y Kelly 16
Vic Country 65 def SA Dev Squad 51

Test 2 - Ladies Results
S Howes 17 def by R Heitmann 18
R Opie 41 def Y Kelly 9
J Fairchild 34 def M Tumbas 18
Vic Country 92 def SA Dev Squad 45

Test 3 - Ladies Results
J Fairchild 17 def by Y Kelly 26
S Howes 24 def M Tumbas 18
R Opie 22 def R Heitmann 13
Vic Country 63 def SA Dev Squad 57

Test 4 - Ladies Results
R Opie 17 tied M Tumbas 17
J Fairchild 23 def R Heitmann 20
S Howes 22 def Y Kelly 17
Vic Country 62 def SA Dev Squad 54

Best Performed Rink 3.5 Wins + 53 Shots
Roma Opie (s)
Helen Clough
Dianne Gardner
Emma Simmonds

Helping our clubs publicise their tournaments

For the past year, Bowls Victoria has provided a free service to clubs wanting to publicise their tournaments via our website or our fortnightly e-newsletter Heads Up.

Now, we’re taking it a step further with an interactive Club Upcoming Events Schedule, allowing clubs to also list their tournament details and flyer on an interactive calendar on the Bowls Victoria website.

It is another free service from Bowls Victoria, designed to help our affiliated clubs help themselves by publicising their tournaments.

If you want your club’s upcoming tournament listed, email us the details of the event, contacts, and your event flyer/entry form in PDF format to bowlsvic@bowlsvic.org.au

We can then list all your tournament details on the interactive Club Upcoming Events Schedule, so those bowlers looking for a tournament can find out about yours.

Take a look at our Club Upcoming Events Schedule on the Bowls Victoria website
**2016 Arm Bowling National Championships**

Victoria's Arm Bowlers will be trying for what AFL club Hawthorn is trying to achieve in 2016 - a four-peat - when they tackle the National Championships at Broadbeach in September.

The 2016 Nationals will be played out this year on the Gold Coast from September 5 to 7, where the best available players from four States will contest the Australian Arm Bowling Championship.

The Armed Vics have been successful in the last three events and are chasing history in the making. They'll compete against NSW, SA and host state Queensland.

Stalwarts from last year's victorious team selected again include Neil Crisp, Barry Anset, AJ Parker, Lee Wesley and Phil Gude.

There is also a good spread of metropolitan and regional clubs represented in the team.

**Team:**

Barry Anset (Bendigo BC)
Ray Arnold (Mentone BC)
Ray Bezett (Benalla BC)
Stephen Coles (North Balwyn BC)
Doug Corrigan (Ringwood BC)
Neil Crisp (Warrnambool BC)
Harry Dahllof (Highton BC)
Malcolm Finch (Golden Square BC)
Phillip Godkin (Eaglehawk BC)
Peter Gribbin (Caulfield Park/Alma BC)
Phil Gude (Dromana BC)
Tony Long (St Leonards BC)
Arthur Parker (Main Ridge BC)
Ann Power (City of Frankston BC)
Adele Ryan (Ocean Grove BC)
Denis Smyth (Shepparton Park BC)
Lee Wesley (Romsey BC)


UPCOMING EVENTS

Fantastic 4s at Maribyrnong Park BC

Maribyrnong Park Bowls Club has a fours tournament aimed specifically at bowlers in Divisions 2 to 8.

The 2016 Fantastic 4s tournament on Sunday, October 16 offers $1,300 prizemoney, and features three games of 12 ends.

Entry is $100 per team, which includes lunch and afternoon tea.

Entries close on Sunday, October 9.

For further details contact Peter Saya on 0409 863 165 or Allan Burns on 0418 356 987.

2016 Graham Fraser Triples

Hurstbridge Bowling Club’s unique Graham Fraser Triples event is on again in 2016 - this year on Sunday, September 18.

The event is a triples competition, in which all teams must have at least one bowler with a disability in their ranks.

The format is two games of 10 ends, two bowls each. The $15 per player entry fee includes lunch.

Closing date for entries is Friday, September 9.

Entries to Stephen Odgers on 0418 126 895

Chadstone BC Invitational Triples

More than $3,100 prizemoney is on offer for Chadstone Bowls Club’s Grand Final Invitational Triples.

The event will be held on AFL Grand Final eve - Friday, September 30 - with a $90 entry per team.

Games are Two Bowl Triples, with major prize winners decided by wins, ends, then shots

A pie and hot dog lunch will be provided, with a barbecue selling sausages open through the day.

Entries are being taken via Alan Jolly - mobile number 0409 232503. Text: GF Eve, Your Name, Your Club. You will then receive a confirmation text. Payment is cash on the day

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Ambitious plans for Whittlesea BC

The smile comes across Nick McIntyre's face every time he mentions the word "coaching".

For the long-time Victorian State bowler, it's clear this is a passion that he wants to develop as part of ambitious plans for his club Whittlesea – where he works, coaches, and is helping drive a $4.5 million redevelopment.

Whittlesea is as far north as Melbourne gets before it becomes regional Victoria. It’s about 40km north of the CBD, but with a country town-like feel.
Ambition dots every corner of Whittlesea Bowls Club, a typical bowls club from the outside but with plenty going on within its ever-busier four walls. The redevelopment is a big project, with huge rewards when completed.

Big rewards are also on offer with another ambitious plan that McIntyre has, but this investment is more heart and soul.

The Whittlesea Wizards junior lawn bowls academy is a key plank in the club’s push to become even more of a community hub than it is.

Whittlesea has launched a program which offers four free coaching days to juniors and enticements including a showbag, training days, and a junior tournament to bring young people into the sport for the first time and develop a lifelong love of bowls.

Running in conjunction with the junior academy is a scholarship program, to help bring talented juniors already involved in the sport to the club.

That’s a holistic program to help those hoping to make a name in the sport with all aspects of their career, including school – a portion of the scholarship designed to help with school fees, school uniforms and book costs.

And McIntyre knows just what it takes to develop younger players.

As well as a long and decorated State and Region representative career, McIntyre has quietly worked in the background developing some of the best young talent in the State as a coach.

While at previous club Bundoora RSL, McIntyre was involved in the early coaching of rising star Josh Corless among several others.

So high has Corless’ star risen that he played alongside McIntyre in the senior team which this year won Victoria’s first men’s Australian Sides Championship in 14 years.

Corless is just 17.

For McIntyre, the idea of developing his club, plus more great junior talent, is a challenge he’s excited about.

“When I looked at the club, I’m one of the youngest members – and I’m 35, so the realisation was that we needed to bring more younger members into the club,” McIntyre told.

“We’re in a massive growth corridor in Melbourne’s north, and if you get kids in, we think they’ll be loyal to the club. You see that with the football and netball teams here – the kids don’t go and play somewhere else, they play in Whittlesea.

“I’d love for it to be a fully established academy, get academy uniforms, sponsor them to play in junior tournaments.

“The sport’s been good to me, and having seen how Josh has blossomed, I’d love to get another Josh Corless or two out there.”

Whittlesea BC has already had groups of schoolchildren come to the club to play, with a great response from the local community – something they want to build on with their junior academy.

With 180 bowling members and a Division 1 Metro Pennant side, Whittlesea has a strong bowls base to work with, and off-green the club has also been making shrewd business decisions.

Phase one of the $4.5 million club redevelopment is a new commercial kitchen. Behind screens work is going on, but a pop-up kitchen to create meals throughout the days means it’s business as usual.

Phase two will be an administration area, plus a 150-seat function room, with an extended members’ area the third phase.

There could be more to come. Whittlesea boasts two excellent grass greens bordering the residential area it neighbours.
But the club also now owns a couple of the surrounding houses, giving it room for further expansion.

Plus in the short-term, it’s a handy income stream in a popular part of Melbourne.

New estates are springing up all around Whittlesea between Plenty Road and the Hume Freeway.

Doreen, Mernda, Laurimar and the like are growing – quickly – and Whittlesea BC has reached out locally to those communities’ local football and netball clubs to promote crossover.

Whittlesea Bowls Club celebrated its 60th anniversary last year. Clearly, they’re eyeing another 60 and planning accordingly.

If your club is interested in getting involved with juniors or schools programs, contact Bowls Victoria’s Participation Co-Ordinator Sean O’Kane for further details by ringing (03) 9861 7100

PARTNER CORNER

Letter to a bowler

Playing bowls allows you to have fun with friends while exercising to improve your wellbeing.

Imagine being told that due to chronic pain and immobility you could no longer bowl. How would you feel?

Chances are you, or someone you know, experiences this level of disability from conditions such as arthritis. In fact, statistics tell us that 1 in 3 Australians are experiencing some kind of muscle, bone or joint injury that limit their daily activities.

These conditions take no prisoners. We need your help!

MOVE muscle, bone & joint health represents all people who live with arthritis, osteoporosis, back pain and the more than 150 conditions affecting muscles, bones and joints. We provide vital support services including our free Help Line, expert knowledge, education and research.

We know there are many worthwhile causes in Australia and the charity sector is crowded. However, we believe our cause has been over looked for too long and there is an urgency to communicate the importance of increased investment to support the 6 million people affected by these crippling conditions.

We need to change the perception of arthritis in this country. We need the public to know that arthritis and chronic pain does not just affect older people. You may be surprised to know that it affects babies, children and young people too. There is no cure.

As the official Bowls Victoria partner, MOVE is asking for your support to help us raise funds during your club’s Play Bowls day during Play Bowls Month. We appreciate that all clubs have their own charity causes but we are hopeful that you will at least support us during this period of time.

It can be as simple as a gold coin donation! If clubs were to promote this initiative, collectively we believe bowling clubs in Victoria would make a significant impact on improving the quality of life for people who have, or are at risk of developing, muscle, bone and joint conditions.

We’d love to hear from you and look forward to your support. Please give Gabi a call on 03 8531 8011. As the new voice of Arthritis and Osteoporosis Victoria, MOVE muscle, bone & joint health is one voice for all conditions in Australia.