



Bentleigh Bowling Club



SEPTEMBER 2016 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...

Heathy's 2 Bob...

Get Well Peter Burnett

At the time of putting this newsletter together, I was informed that Pete Burnett was undergoing surgery following a seizure early Friday morning. We sincerely wish Pete well for a thorough and speedy recovery. Our thoughts are also very much with Sallie during this difficult time.

Your new green is finished!

This green has been a VERY long time coming with most of the disruption ultimately caused by delays in getting all the necessary permits from Council. Once it was clear that the construction wouldn't be complete by the onset of the winter wet, it was inevitable that the delay would stretch into August due to weather.

The delays have had one positive effect as we have not needed to draw down anywhere near as much of the bank loan as we had originally planned.

Once again, we are indebted to the tireless **Garry Moore** for capably managing the project and nursing our applications through Council.

Now that it's complete, I hope we learn to perform well on the new surface.

New Club Policies

The Committee has endorsed a number of new Club Policies which are posted on the Club's website in the About Us section. While they are pretty much common sense, they do set a framework for positive behaviours. Please review the policies as we are all expected to abide by them.

Our thanks go to **Stephen Elmer** for working with BowlsVic and the ADF in developing these policies.

Donate your Retired Not-So-Old Bowls

Dennis Jacobsen will be working to revive barefoot bowls at BBC this summer. We have a stack of VERY OLD bowls at the Club that are not even suitable for barefooters these days. If you have a set of retired not-so-old bowls at home or in the boot, we'd be grateful if you could donate them to the Club. Just to give you an idea, nothing older than Classic IIs.

Working Bee – Sunday 11th September



Alan Walker is arranging a working bee on Sunday 11th September to make sure our Club facilities are just right for the start of the new pennant season. Let Alan know if you have any specific skills that you think will help, otherwise, just rock up around 9:00am and there'll be some simple but important chores for you. If you don't otherwise get a chance to contribute to the running of the Club, this is it!

We'll share in a BBQ and a couple of drinks when the work is done!

Bowling Matters!



Opening of the Greens

The Opening of the Greens ceremony will be held on **Saturday 3rd September**. The Club will be open from midday. This is a formal ceremony for the Club so bowlers, ***please wear your NEW club uniform.***

There will be a 2-bowl triples event following the official opening.

NEW Club Uniform (Shirt)

By now, all Pennant bowlers should have picked up their new Club shirt. Now that we have the new shirt, it is important to note that ALL members of a Pennant side must wear the same shirt.

All Pennant bowlers should also note that any visible clothing worn when playing Pennant, including Tues night Electric Light, **MUST** display the Bowls Australia logo. This includes pants, hats, and jackets i.e. any visible item of clothing. You cannot drag out your old windcheater no matter how cold it is!

A note on socks (as not mentioned in BowlsVic guidelines) is that logo'd socks are optional for trousers and when wearing **anklet socks** with pedal pushers, culottes, shorts, skirts or skorts.

Also, proper bowls shoes must be worn - no runners. Shoes must have flat rubber heel-less soles.

Let's look like the competitive bowls teams we are!

If you want to read the full Bowls Vic attire guidelines, here's the link to the guidelines page:

<http://www.bowlsvic.org.au/Club-Assist/Forms-and-documents/Documents>

The nearest stockist of approved attire is Resting Toucher in Breen Drive, Dendy Park.

St Leonard's Results

22 Bentleigh members bowled against St Leonard's in an attempt to win back the prized "Seagull" trophy.

However, they have a huge advantage being a Div 1 side and a home green bowling at 16 - 17 seconds and do not have a drink on the Friday night. The game was won by St Leonard's 325 to 253 @ 28 pts per game 9 wins to 12 losses.

To even it up, our President challenged them to a Friday night under lights or Saturday night after equal amounts of drinking by each team to make it a more even contest. But fallen on deaf ears.

Still, an excellent weekend with Clive King, Greg Fidler and Simmo undefeated and we welcomed Alan Marsh (new member).

2016-17 Pennant Draw

If you haven't seen it already, the new season's draw is out now and available on the BowlsVic website:

<http://www.bowlsvic.org.au/events/pennant>

Enjoy your analysis of the fixtures!

For your convenience, the links to the BowlsVic fixtures, results and ladders will be updated on our Club website as soon as they are available from BowlsVic (usually after completion of round 1).

Saturday Pennant Sides

Side 1	Div 2 Section 7
Side 2	Div 3 Section 8
Side 3	Div 5 Section 7
Side 4	Div 6 Section 8

This is a pretty decent draw with no sides having to travel too far on a Saturday.

Midweek Pennant Sides

Side 1	Div 3 Section 8
Side 2	Div 4 Section 8

A couple of cut lunch trips for Side 2 to Waverley Golf and Ashburton, but again pretty decent draws otherwise!

Tips from the Coach's Box...

With the new season ready to commence, I am sure that most of us will have that sense of anticipation about having a good season and bowling well. It is very good to have that feeling but can be very quickly ruined if things don't go according to plan. To assist you and the Club as a whole to have a good season, the following points may give you some ideas as to how you can contribute to ensure we do.

- Regular practice sessions
- Set some goals
- Practice with a purpose. This means you don't just get on the green and roll bowls back and forth. Give yourself a challenge and also practice weaknesses.
- Speak to the coaches (Keith Ronaldson, Chris Michell and Mark Thompson)
- Attend the seminar evenings where we will discuss
 - the roles of each player,
 - team tactics and
 - head reading ideas

I think that with our new green now up and running, we will all need to do some regular practice sessions on both the synthetic and grass greens.

If you don't hear me give ideas about how to practice properly or more effectively, please ask!

Thank you to everyone who answered the coach's questionnaire. I am working on organising some group sessions and hopefully I can assist in those areas where you indicated you need it.

Have a great season!

GOOD BOWLING AND ENJOY!

Social News

Sausage Roll Bake Off Result



The GREAT BENTLEIGH SAUSAGE ROLL BAKE OFF went very well on Thursday 18th August and drew some BBC celebrities out of their winter hibernation (that's **Harold Laver** and **Dobbie!**). Unfortunately, not even the fantastic wine & cheese night by **Tina Boquest** could drag **Mr Fidler** out from under his winter doona.

...and the winner of the Bake Off was **SALLIE HINSON!**

I asked Sallie what her secret to winning this prestigious event was and she advises:

"It's a recipe that goes back centuries (nearly as old as Pete). I got it from my 2nd husband's 1st wife's great grandmother!!"

Sallie is open to bribes for the recipe.

Well done Sallie and thanks to all entrants: **Butch, Bob Rorke, Brades, Rae, Banger** (or was the cook really Mrs Banger – **Kerrie**), **Barb, Melina, Wags** and the mysterious entry #10 (no sausage rolls presented, but still scored 4 votes – some BBC shenanigans going on methinks!).

Special thanks to **Rae Pocknee** and **Kerrie Waldron** for managing the event!

Free to a Good Home

Tony Tesoriero has a great office desk he no longer needs and is happy to give it away. The only catch is you need to arrange pickup from Tony's place in Dendy St Brighton.

If you'd like this desk (think of the kids or grandkids at school too) please contact Tony



BBC Shenanigans!

Congratulations Wrenna!

Ros Izod let us know that **Wrenna** has passed Puppy School and has earned her coat – nice and bright so ready for the Spring Racing Carnival. Here she is sporting her new coat!



Jasper's Tantrum!

Jasper had words to me (little grrr's actually) after the last newsletter. His complaint was that Rosa's **Wrenna** and Sallie's **Alfy** have both featured in past Newsletters but he hasn't, despite being down at the Club all the time. So to keep Jasper happy, here's a snap he sent in with him mucking about with Lozza after a hard day chasing tennis balls...



Future Newsletters

If you have any announcements or something you'd like to see in future Newsletters, please see **Steve Brady**.

We need more photos of members bowling or having a great time in our Newsletters – I'm not much of a photographer, so if you have any photos you'd like to see published, please forward them to brady1sj@gmail.com.