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## Club Bulletin

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### AUSTRALIA DAY MENZIES AWARD

Congratulations to Brian Morris and Brian Donovan who made our club and family and friends all very proud recently. They were both recipients of the prestigious Australia Day Menzies Award for their enduring services to the community. Well done!

### FROM THE CHAIRMAN

We have for some years understood that the owners of our Club's building, Manningham Council, were preparing to replace it with a multi-purpose building when our lease ends in 2021. Because of this expectation successive Boards have refrained from expending large sums of money on repairs. As a result there are parts of the building now in considerable disrepair. We have been advised that there are, as yet, no plans, no budget and no date prepared by the Council to demolish the Clubhouse.

The current Board of Management has been investigating ways and means to refurbish the outside of the building without excessive expenditure. Quotations have been procured by Director Ian Thomas for replacing rotting fascias, and for painting the outside including iron railings and the metal shelters. Quotes have also been received to repair the stone retaining wall. Total costs are around \$25,000.

Representation has been made to the Council to consider that much of the work required is due to "fair wear and tear" and not, therefore, our responsibility. We anticipate a decision from our Landlord about this request in the very near future and will keep members informed.

### VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Recently, there has been a new handrail installed on the ramp leading down to the front green. This handrail now needs to be painted. The existing handrails are also looking rather shabby and we are seeking volunteers to give of their time to prepare and paint all the handrails. If you can help please contact *Ian Thomas* on 0410 642 730 and arrangements will be made to carry out this work.

### CLUB SINGLES CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Brian Salvage and Suzanne Tyson our new club singles champions, and well done to our respective runners up in Matt Cursio and Teresa Bowden.

### THE APPLEWOOD CLASSIC AT DONCASTER

Entries for the Doncaster Applewood Classic scheduled for Sunday April 15th are rolling in. It is an Open Fours Tournament with \$3,000 in prize money with morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea all included in the entry fee. If you would like to enter a team in our club's marquee event please Contact Richard Lovell or Robert Bateup. It promises to be a great day and composite and visiting teams are most welcome.

### VISIT BY JOHN BARLEYCORN

The John Barleycorn Bowling Club will return to our club on **Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup>**. There was no bowls played when they visited us a few months ago because there was a deluge and our greens were flooded. The list for the game is out, so why not put your name on the list, enjoy Thursday night meals followed by a game of bowls under lights.

## NEW NIGHT TOURNAMENT

Our new night tournament which is scheduled to commence on Tuesday March 7th needs more participants. As it stands, we have only 10 teams entered and this is not enough to run such an event. So if you are thinking about it, think no more. Put pen to paper and enter a team very soon and join in the fun. Contact Dinesh Balgovind for more information.

## FROM THE GREENS DIRECTOR

A big thank you to Graeme Warren for his time and effort in repainting the rink markings on the concrete surrounds of each green.



Graeme is a big help around the club and the greens in particular, undertaking many tasks with his usual professional approach.

## PENNANT COMPETITION

Only a few weeks of the home and away rounds of the summer pennant season remain. Our club's standing on the pennant ladder after 15 rounds is as follows:

MIDWEEK PENNANT		SATURDAY PENNANT	
Side 1 (women only)	4 <sup>th</sup>	Side 1	6 <sup>th</sup>
Side 2	7 <sup>th</sup>	Side 2	5 <sup>th</sup>
Side 3	8 <sup>th</sup>	Side 3	6 <sup>th</sup>
Side 4	4 <sup>th</sup>	Side 4	6 <sup>th</sup>
Side 5	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Side 5	7 <sup>th</sup>
		Side 6	3 <sup>rd</sup>

## PENNANT SURVEY

The annual pennant survey forms are out now. Bowlers wishing to participate in the pennant competition season next season are kindly requested to complete this survey. This is a very important survey as the Bowls Committee uses the information gleaned from this survey to determine the number of sides to enter in both the midweek and Saturday pennant competition. Even if you are not playing pennant this season but would like to play next season, please do complete the survey. Forms are available at the club website and also at the club. Please put the completed survey forms inside the box located near the pennant selection board at the Club.

## CLUB UNIFORM

Bowlers are reminded that club uniform must be worn for all pennant games. Bowlers playing social bowls on Saturday Pennant days should also be attired in the club uniform. Club shirts and jackets can be ordered by contacting the uniform co-ordinator Dinesh Balgovind.

## PROPOSED CHANGES TO SATURDAY PENNANT

Bowls Victoria has *proposed changes* to Saturday pennant from next season (2018/19). Key aspects of the proposal:

- Each Section to consist of 8 sides (currently 10). A new 2 bowl Triples competition to commence on the first Saturday of September, with sides playing each other once (7 games), and finals finishing on the first weekend of November.
- The standard fours competition to start on 10 November, with sides playing each other twice (14 games) followed by finals, played only by the top two sides, finishing on 31 March.
- There are also some changes to the promotion/relegation system to cater for the new 8 side structure.

Their goal is to arrest the decline in participation. More information is on the Bowls Victoria website.