

Kitty Whispers

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Our Ladies' Novice champion,
Pauline Kempf, with her
Peninsula-Casey Region plaque

Pic: Geoff Ampt



President's Report



WELL, pennant season is with us again and we are looking forward to an exciting 18 rounds of competition, with all sides looking much stronger due to a number of new members joining the Club. We welcome everyone who

has joined us since the end of last season, and hope they enjoy being part of the great crowd at Narre Warren Bowls Club.

After many months of anticipation, I am very pleased to announce that we now have a commencement date for the installation of our new synthetic green. Berry Bowling Systems will be commencing work on Monday 16 October to uplift the existing damaged surface and prepare the base for the new needle-punch green which will be arriving around the third week in October. We have been informed that the new green should be ready to play on before the middle of November.

Congratulations to **Pauline Kempf** on her outstanding victory in the Region Women's Novice Singles final. Pauline won 21/4, and she deserves full credit for the way she has developed as a bowler in the past 12 months. No one has worked harder at improving their game than Pauline, and we wish her the best of luck in the State finals. Commiserations to husband, **Jim Kempf**, who also made the Region Men's Singles final and was narrowly defeated 21/17. Jim and Pauline are both Casey Division Novice champions and they can be very proud of their achievements after so little time playing bowls.

We have a new cleaner starting on Monday 9 October to take over from Club stalwarts **Len O'Brien** and **John Uren**. Cleaning will now be done on Monday mornings around 10:00am. Please assist the cleaner in maintaining the cleanliness and tidiness of the Club by cleaning up after yourselves. I came into the Club this morning and spent the next 30 minutes throwing out rubbish which had been left, and replacing chairs to where they were originally located before people got up and walked away without even pushing them back in place. Whilst we have a new cleaner, we also still need members' help in keeping the Club presentable between cleaning days. There is also some cleaning to be done outside the clubhouse and I would welcome any volunteers who could afford 15-20 minutes per week to attend to these tasks.

Another matter needing closer attention is the locking up of all outside storage areas and external doors of the Club. There have been several instances in the past week where the alarm hasn't been set or the front door hasn't been closed properly, and this has resulted in several members having to attend to alarm activations on a public holiday to sort out the problem. The storage sheds have been left unlocked and, in one case, the padlock key was left in the lock with the heavy chain hanging from it. The side gate was also left unlocked on one occasion. **PLEASE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO ALL THESE THINGS WHEN LOCKING UP.**

There have been some complaints about selections for our Tuesday pennant teams. We are in the rather fortunate position of having a surplus of players for selection on Tuesday at the moment. This has necessitated rotation of players from week to week to ensure everyone gets a game as often as possible. We tried to get an extra team into the Tuesday competition to provide more vacancies for all members wanting to play. However, our request was rejected by Bowls Victoria, so we only have the current number of teams to fill.

I personally withdrew from the first round selected teams to make way for someone else to have a game. It is not unreasonable that everyone

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State Member for Narre Warren North

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should be prepared to be an emergency from time to time when the need arises for the sake of everyone getting a fair go.

Some comments have also been made regarding the third side on Tuesday not being a proper pennant side. I can assure everyone that this side is just as important and legitimate as any other side in any division of the Metropolitan Pennant Competition. We expect those playing in this side to compete with the same application as any of our other sides. The only reason this side is made up of 6 players and not 12 is because it enables clubs to still provide pennant competition for its members if they don't have enough players to make up a 12-person side. There is still a pennant available for the winners of this division at the end of the season.

This season we have reintroduced the Rink of the Week award for both Tuesday and Saturday Pennants with a free drink for each of the team members in the side which has the biggest winning margin.

Our lucky members draw has again been sponsored by **Mark Walker** our greenkeeper, and **Andy Tobler** has sponsored the consolation draw. Stan Birkett was the first lucky winner of the members draw, taking home \$55.00. The draw is held each week on Thursday afternoon between 5:00 and 6:00pm following pennant practice and the free sausage sizzle.

We have some great events coming up, including the Melbourne Cup lunch, our annual Barry Plant Skins day on 18 November, and the commencement of our summer Aggregate Triples Competition, which is being sponsored by Berwick Mazda.

There will be a lot of construction work around the Club over the next few months, so take care when venturing outside to the greens.

Best wishes to everyone who will be competing in the pennant competitions - some for the first time. Let's put Narre Warren Bowls Club on the map for both strong competition and fair play. **Go Narre!!**

Eric Sydenham *President.*

SKINS OPEN TOURNAMENT 3 BOWL TRIPLES 15 games of 2 ends

Money paid for all Skins won - except major winners

Saturday 18 November 2017

Check in by 9:00am Starts 9:30am sharp

*BBQ & salad for sale at lunch - \$4 per person
(Morning & Afternoon Tea provided)*

***DUE TO RENOVATION TO ONE GREEN
ONLY 16 PLACES MAY BE AVAILABLE***



Magid Drive, NARRE WARREN 3805



**Entries close
3 November 2017**

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book you place

OPENING DAY



The official table, from left: Noelle and Bob Roff, John Uren, President Eric Sydenham, Luke Donnellan, Anthony Byrne, Len O'Brien.

OUR LONG-AWAITED Opening Day on 2 September was a great success, with members who hadn't seen one another for months, due to the greens closure, catching up. And, as the day was paired with our 30th anniversary celebration, lots of past-presidents and members also attended.

Lorna Wilson, who wrote the original letter to the City of Berwick requesting the formation of a second bowls club in the local area, honoured us with her presence, and helped cut the cake, along with senior club member, **Stanley Birkett**.

First president, Bob Roff was there, looking no older than when he put his back to it to help get the club off the ground. Past presidents who attended were Geoff Miller, **Fred Fox**, **John Uren**,

Kieran Fitzsimons, **Ray Pigdon** and **Reg Johnstone**. Past members John Schwennessen and Jim Sheahan also enjoyed our hospitality and catching up with old friends.



Honouring us were local politicians **Luke Donnellan** and **Anthony Byrne**, both of whom have been good friends to NWBC; but long-term visitor Mayor **Sam Aziz** had to 'call in sick' with the flu. This is the first time in forever that Sam has not graced us on this day.

The first jack was rolled by **Bob Roff**, with the first bowl being played by **Anthony Byrne**.

Despite the weather, there was a big turn-out on the green for a social game.

OPENING DAY (Continued)

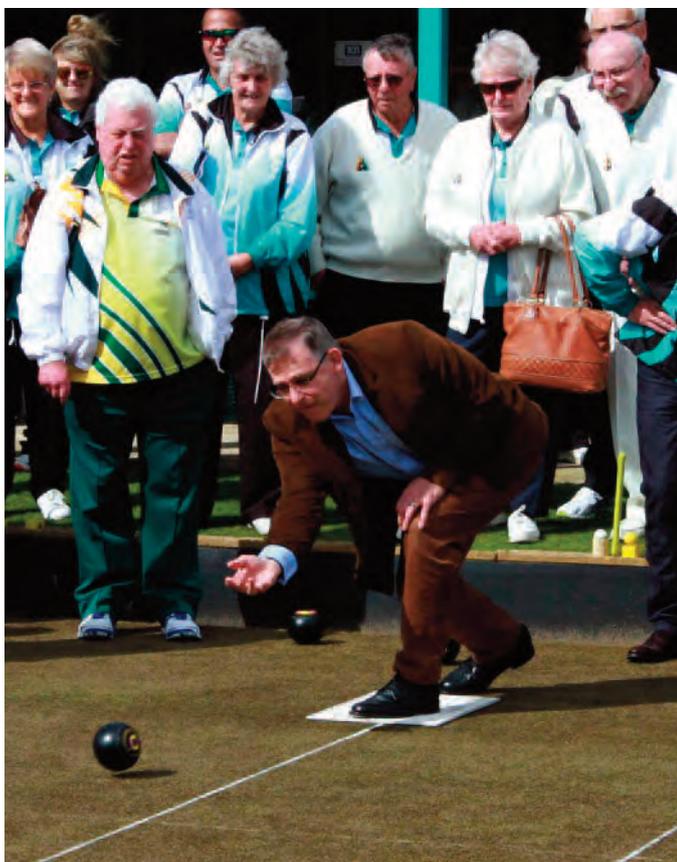
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Lorna Wilson rolls the first bowl at Narre Warren's official opening of the greens



Lyle Donnellan on the green at Narre Warren



Anthony Byrne tries his hand at Narre Warren Opening day

Narre Warren Bowls Club



30 years 1987-2017

*The club acknowledges the efforts of, from left:
Judy Naughton, John Wren, Micki Horton and
Geoff Ampt in compiling and producing our
30-year-history booklet.*



Over 60s

DUE TO THE necessity of getting the Division and Region games played early to allow for the Australian Open, we jumped off the mark on Thursday 7 September with the Over 60s games, held at Hampton Park, and what a miserably cold and damp day it was.

In the Women's Over 60, our only entrant was **Wilma Stevenson** who played a steady game to win against



Percy, along with **Reg Young** (s) in the Pairs, took a bye in the first, had a win in the second, but were defeated in the final.

Alan Mark (s) with **Joss van Hout** defeated Hampton Park 16/12 in the first round, but went down 7/18 to Cranbourne in the second.

The **Novice** was an exclusively Narre Warren affair. **Jim Kempf** defeated **Paul McNamara** in the Men's, and **Pauline Kempf** defeated **Jackie Moody** in the Ladies'.

On 1 October, **Pauline** and **Jimmy** travelled down the road to Cranbourne RSL to fight for supremacy in the Region, with **Pauline** being successful, but **Jimmy**, after a neck-to-neck tussle, with **Rosebud**, went down by only four shots. On the same day, **Geoff Ampt** and **Tina Courtin** contested the Over 60 Mixed Pairs, but went down by a small margin, again to Pakenham.

Thanks to all entrants. You did Narre proud.

Left: **Pauline** and **Jimmy Kempf**.
Below: **Wilma Stevenson** and **Val Moore**.

Helen Witherden from Cranbourne RSL. She went on to defeat **Val Moore** from Pakenham in the final, then travelled to Hastings on 24 September for the Regionals, where, in a hard-fought tussle in extremely windy conditions, she was defeated by a narrow four-point margin.

We had a much bigger turnout in the Men's Over 60, but unfortunately some of our members had to play each other.

Ralph Devonshire had a tussle with **Jos van Hout**, to win 21/19 in the first, but narrowly lost his second to **Roger Till** from Pakenham.

After a bye in his first, and a win in his second, **Geoff Ampt** defeated fellow Narre bowler **Percy Herath** 21/16 in their third round, only to be defeated by Pakenham in the final.

Reg Young received a bye in the first round, but went down to **John McKenna** from Cranbourne in the second.

The Over 60s Ladies Pairs was played by **Pam Uren** and **Micki Horton** (s) against Cranbourne, but after losing a six in the first end, sadly they were unable to catch up.



Some more of the Over 60s and Novice players



Left: Paul McNamara
and Jimmy Kempf



Right: Pauline Kempf,
Janice Moran (marker) and
Jackie Moody



Left: Tina Courtin and
Geoff Ampt



Right: Pam Uren
and Micki Horton



Right: Sandra Lapham
and Peter Bowman,
our intrepid umpires



Right: Percy Herath
and Reg Young

OUR INCLEMENT WEATHER resulted in some desultory pennant practices, some of which were played on our 'buggered' synthetic green, thanks to the efforts of Andy Tobler who has stretched it so that we now have around four 'playable' rinks.



Above: Waiting for the rain to stop.



Getting ready to play.

Indoor Bowls

OUR CLUB champions for this season were **Judy Naughton** and **Eddie Gibb**, with **Rudi Pompe** and **Rose Rasmussen** being runners up.

Both pennant teams made it to the finals, with Division 2 (**Pam Uren, Wilma Haringsma, Micki Horton, Judy Naughton [s]**) going out in the first semi, and Division 3, (**Helen McCarthy, Rose Rasmussen, Eddie Gibb, Enid Gibb [s]**) which finished on top in the Section, making it to the grandy, coming runner up. Considering we were down on players this season, the outcome was magnificent.

The VIBBA presentation was held on 10 September at Keysborough BC.

We received runners up in the inaugural SGIBBA Ladies' Fours with the team of **Rose Rasmussen, Micki Horton, Judy Naughton** and **Enid Gibb (s)**.

Thank you to all who helped make the season a success, especially Treasurer **Kevin McCarthy, Helen McCarthy** and **Rose Rasmussen** for their work on the cards, **Kevin McCarthy** for taking the money and organising the sheets for each week, and tidying up after us, and **Rudi Pompe** for his work on the mats. We look forward to seeing you all next year.

Indoors is now finished for the summer season, but there is sometimes a game on a Sunday. To find out when these games are held, please call **Rudi Pompe**.

Division 2 pennant runners up, from left: **Rose Rasmussen, Enid Gibb (s), Eddie Gibb, Helen McCarthy**





Enjoying Presentation Day at Keysborough Bowling Club were, above from left: **Rudi Pompe, Enid Gibb, Rose Rasmussen and Eddie Gibb.**

Left: **Kevin McCarthy.**

Seniors Morning Tea

MEMBER FOR Narre Warren North, **Luke Donnellan** has once again hosted the Seniors Morning Tea at the Narre Warren Bowls Club on Friday 22 September 2017. Great support by President **Eric Sydenham** and the fabulous crew (see photo) in the kitchen ensured hot cups of tea and coffee and sumptuous cakes were served to the more than 180 people who attended.

The morning tea provided an ideal setting for Luke to highlight key local issues and talk personally with many who attended and the club may have recruited some new members given the level of interest in the club and lawn bowls on the day.

Support information, including the valuable *Little Black Book of Scams*, a pocket-sized guide so you can spot, avoid, and protect yourself against scams, the *Victorian Concessions Guide to Discounts and Services* for eligible households in Victoria and the always popular *Victorian Seniors Festival Guide for 2017* were eagerly snapped up by attendees.

Over recent years, local seniors have looked forward to the morning tea to catch up with old friends, make new friends and talk with their local Member of

Parliament over refreshments.

Luke sincerely thanked the Narre Warren Bowls Club for its role in the morning.

Janette Green, Office of Luke Donnellan

35th Victorian Seniors Festival

Did you know that for eight days (8-15 October) during the 2017 Victorian Seniors Festival and as a Victorian Seniors card holder, you can get out and explore metropolitan Melbourne with free travel on trains, trams and buses and for the first time on V/Line to explore regional Victoria on trains, coaches and buses too. Plan your journey at www.ptv.vic.gov.au

As well there are many free and low-cost local activities across the month of October and they are detailed in the Victorian Seniors Festival Booklet which is available from the Narre Warren Bowls Club or by contacting my office on **9706 0566**.



The workers on the day: **Jeanette Cox, Phillip, Janice Moran, Estelle Sydenham, Erik Luyters, Eric Sydenham, Luke Donnellan, Pam Uren, Len O'Brien**

Coaching

NWBC boasts five coaches, who are available to assist should you feel you require some extra coaching, or have a fault you would like looked at. Coaching is free, and the coaches will be happy to help you at a mutually agreeable time.



Coaches, from left: Eric Sydenham, Iain Stevenson, Wilma Stevenson, Len O'Brien, Geoff Miller



Berwick Mazda



2 Bowl Nominated Triples Open **Aggregate** TOURNAMENT

SECOND GAME - WINNER v WINNER & LOSER v LOSER
10:00am Start
Entry Fee \$45:00 per team (Lunch Supplied)
First 32 Teams Accepted
(APPROVED BOWLS WEAR)

First Game 15 ends + 1 end trial Second Game 18 ends. NO Trial Ends

Monthly Prizes	Aggregate Prizes	DATES
<p>Best 2 Game</p> <p>Winning Team \$210</p> <p>Runner up Team \$120</p> <p>Best First Game</p> <p>Winner \$45</p> <p>Best Second Game</p> <p>Winner \$45</p> <p>Fan cards:</p> <p>Lead \$10</p> <p>Second \$10</p> <p>Skip \$10</p>	<p>WINNING TEAM \$450</p> <p>RUNNER UP TEAM \$225</p> <p>Best First Game</p> <p>Winner Prize Pool \$90</p> <p>Best Second Game</p> <p>Winner Prize Pool \$90</p>	<p>Wed 13 December 2017</p> <p>Wed 10 January 2018</p> <p>Wed 14 February 2018</p> <p>Wed 14 March 2018</p> <p>Wed 11 April 2018</p> <p style="color: red;">(Jackpot presentations on last day)</p> <p>For more information or book your place visit our website</p> <p>www.narrebowls.bowls.com.au</p> <p>or contact</p> <p>Narre Warren Bowls Club</p> <p>Ph 9704 9702</p> <p>email</p> <p>narrebowlclub@bigpond.com</p>



No Team or Player is permitted to win more than 1 Prize on the Day.
IF MORE THAN ONE WINNER, THE PRIZE POOL WILL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE WINNING TEAMS

2 Bowl Nominated Triples Aggregate OPEN Tournament - ENTRY FORM

Team Name.....Phone.....email.....

Skip.....Second.....Lead.....

Enclosed is \$45.00 made payable to Narre Warren Bowls Club.
Please return completed form to Narre Warren Bowls Club, PO Box 116 Narre Warren 3805,
or Direct Deposit to BSB : 633000-A/c 141812032.
If paying by Direct Credit, please show your 'Surname & Aggregate'

Obituary

*It is with sorrow we farewelled
member Mike Kulkens in
September.*

*Mike joined NWBC in
February 2008, and was still
playing until a few weeks before
his passing.*

*His funeral in Ferntree Gully
was attended by several of
his fellow bowlers.*



Narre Warren Bowls Club Melbourne Cup Day 2017

Tuesday 7 November 2017

'Gates' open at 10:00am



***All bowlers, family & friends welcome
Chicken & Champagne lunch***

FOR CATERING PURPOSES PUT YOUR NAMES ON THE SHEET

*Food
Drinks
Bowls
Sweeps
Raffles
plus
more fun*

*Dress code
mufti
Fashion on the field
(best dressed prizes etc)
Lunch available
@ \$10
(including salad)*



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