



# The Mudlark News

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Clifton Springs Bowling Club



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## COACHING:

Personal training:  
Alf Vella 0450 190 882

Mondays 1.30: Pennant practice  
Fridays 2pm: MW Pennant practice  
Fridays 3pm: Sat Pennant practice

## SOCIAL BOWLING

Saturday Mixed—1.00 pm  
Wednesday Mixed—1.00 pm

**1st Wednesday Men's Nominated  
Triples— 10.00 am**

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## President's report:

**Here we are in November and almost halfway through 'The Springs Twilight Bowls Jack Attack' competition. We have 14 teams playing in this 6 week competition,** most of whom live locally, are mostly new to bowls and from a wide age range and skill level. This means there are about 60 people on the green each Wednesday evening and it's great to see.

A big thankyou to the members who have volunteered in a variety of ways to help make this happen. Sincere thanks also to the staff at Ray White Drysdale who are our sponsor partners in working towards the main aim of increasing our membership base at our club. The Jack Attack competition continues to the 28 November and we will continue to need volunteers to help each week and thankyou again to those members who have put their hands up to assist to date.

Prior to the this event we participated in the Bowls Victoria Play Bowls Month during October, in conjunction with the Geelong Seniors Festival month. We held Try Bowls Days on 7, 14 and 21 October from 3pm-5pm. They were very successful with about 70 people attending from all age groups across the 3 Sundays. Special thanks to Jan Townsend for co-ordinating operations on these days, and to everyone who came to help each Sunday. A very enjoyable time was had by all and the weather was good!

The above events are all about increasing our membership base and building for the future of our club. We have already had some people sign up as members, which is great. We will be looking at the feedback received from participants from these events and already we can see that people want to have a go at bowls and enjoy shorter versions of the game. We will discuss the best way forward with the relevant committees and offer various opportunities to bowl over the coming months.

While all of the above has been happening, of course the GBR pennant season is now well underway with the Midweek and Saturday sides experiencing varying degrees of success. As I have mentioned previously the selection committees have the difficult task of selecting the sides on behalf of the club. It can be a thankless task and there will always be situations where a player thinks it could be done differently. But I would encourage players to support the selectors in their task. If there are issues of concern regarding side selection, then I would strongly encourage player/s to take the opportunity to arrange to meet with the selectors as per policy. This means for Midweek selection committee- 4pm Thursdays, and for Saturday selection committee- 4pm Tuesdays.

We have some great things happening at the club and the future is looking good. So enjoy your bowls, encourage each other and welcome and get to know the new members joining our club.

Rosemary Sexton, President

## Geelong Bowls Region Pennant Review

The Geelong Bowls Region Board, along with the Ballarat Bowls Region have agreed to scrap the existing Premier League in its present format. The G.B.R. has commenced a review of our current pennant competitions and is open to suggestions from members of clubs, on how to improve the level of competition in the GBR

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Some of these suggestions, have been; that the premier division return to Geelong, shorter competitions, 4 weeks break at Christmas, 8 teams per division, start date for pennant first week in November. These are only suggestions at this stage for members to consider and perhaps you may have some good ideas we can pass to the GBR on how to improve pennant competition in future years. Something for you to ponder in your spare time.

**Barry Oswald, Admin.. Director**

## GEELONG BOWLS REGION PENNANT COMPETITIONS REVIEW FOR SEASON 2019/2020

### BACKGROUND

The Geelong Bowls Region and The Ballarat District Bowls Division have unanimously resolved to disband the Ballarat / Geelong Premier Division competition at the completion of this current season. This was as a result of a regular meeting of the committee where all parties by mutual agreement believe that after 20 years of competition a new direction is needed.

### IMPLICATIONS ON GBR PENNANT

As you would understand this will see the return of our current 6 teams (Clubs) back to our domestic Saturday competitions. (Bareena, Eastern Park, Highton, Lara, Ocean Grove & Queenscliff)

Each organization (Ballarat & Geelong) will need to decide on the best options to accommodate the 6 Premier Clubs with the objective of Improving and Streamlining their current competition.

The GBR Board have suggested options as listed below, **included Pro's & Con's and will implement change to both Saturday & Midweek** to align where possible.

### OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION GBR

#### Saturday Pennant Only

- **Add a Division "Premier Division" to our current competition.** (those currently playing premier Division – 6 teams)
- Promote the two (2) teams reaching the Saturday Division 1 Grand Final to premier Division making an 8 team Division. (Geelong Premier Division)
- Continue with 16 players per Division, Premier to Division 8, Reduce player numbers per following divisions as required.

#### Saturday & Midweek Pennant

- Change Promotions relegations to One team up One team down
- Restrict team entry one team per club per division
- Reduce all other divisions to 8 teams per division (therefore reducing Pennant season to 14 weeks)
- Start the season a month later – 6 games before Christmas
- Have a 4 week break at Christmas
- Finish season in March - 8 games after Christmas

#### **Advantages (Pro's) If changes are made**

- Provision of a higher level of competition in Geelong Bowls Region

- Increase of competitive players in premier division from 96 to 128. (i.e. 8 x 16 compared to 6 x 16 for current competition)
- Playing in Geelong Region (premier division) provides opportunity for increased spectator levels and greater interaction between Clubs/divisions after the games
- Premier Division Clubs / Players less travel distance and more pleasing for those with young families
- Increase the standard level in GBR to a division higher than Division 1
- Reduced season - Practice matches commencing in September, playing pennant until end of March commits members for 7 Months, where a reduced competition would see this change dramatically
- Longer Christmas Break allows both working members and members that have Children (School) to get away for a Break / Holidays
- Longer Christmas Break gives Clubs the opportunity to retain team members in fixed positions rather than depleting other division to fill due to absenteeism (away on holidays)
- Free Period (4 weeks) at Christmas can be taken up with Club Tournaments, Club Games and GBR Events therefore reducing the length of Club Calendars. Capture tourists and allow social games. Promote Barefoot Bowls etc. Maintain income stream.
- Extra Christmas Break could allow scheduling of GBR Events and free up weekends (Sundays) for players and officials
- Finals in March allows for extra time if cancellations (Fire Bans, Heated Out) occur during the final's periods
- One set of Rules & Conditions of Play for Geelong Bowls Region Members. (Currently Ballarat /Geelong Premier division operate under different rules.
- Negate the need to print two Season Handbooks, Fixture and Rules, thus reducing costs

#### Dis - Advantages (Con's)

- Less rounds will impact on Clubs income
- Continue with 7 months of pennant Commitment
- Be forced into double headers, if finals series is interrupted.
- Limited Christmas Break. Last round 2018 is 22nd Dec, Resumes 12 Jan 2019
- The impact of Club member availability and to field teams for December January Rounds remains.

VISIT TO CRESWICK—OCTOBER 2018

WINNERS



It was lovely to catch up with you and your club members today....we look forward to returning the visit next year. I hope you and your club have a very successful year both on and off the greens.

RUNNERS-UP



PRESIDENTS



Yours sincerely

Joyce Head  
Ladies Secretary  
Creswick Bowling Club Inc.



ROB GOT THE GOODIES



JACK ATTACK continues until the end of November, Wednesday nights 6-8pm. Special thanks to our sponsor Ray White Drysdale. Phone: 5251 5880

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Mixed Pairs Champions 2018/2019

Winners: Joan Surkitt and Barry Oswald

Runners-up: Barbara Jenner and David Leggett.



# COACHING

We will be running a workshop for ALL Skippers and Thirds, on Tuesday Nov 20th.

Please make a diary note as this date is the big Vic Open Bowls Week, so no pennant.

## **AS I SEE IT..... with ROB**      October '18

Knowing how to read a head is important for all Skippers and Thirds.

There are a few unwritten rules that I will now write, so they are no longer "unwritten".

- You can't expect to "see the shot" if you do not understand your team-mates bowls curve. Asking them for a shot their bowl can't do, is wasting their shot. Better to call them around the back or for a blocker, than to waste them.
- Always look at the positives and negatives of each shot you call. What bad things might happen if you or your team-mate makes a mistake with the shot? E.g. comes in too narrow, too heavy, etc.
- Do the possible bad points outweigh the possible good points of that shot? If so you should look for another way in if possible.

- Try to call your team in on the open hand, which is the side with the least bowls, if possible. It will offer more positives than negatives.
- How well can you or your team-mate bowl? Are they accurate enough to play that shot?
- If you or your third can't see how to get the shot, can you see how to cut their score down?
- Do not call for a weighted shot unless you have the back covered. If my Lead is on, and I think the opposition will play heavy, I ask my second to bowl to cover each side of the rear.
- Your team should all know how to draw to a point off-line, how to draw a block shot 2/3 of the way to the Jack, and how to understand which direction the Jack or a bowl will go if hit.

Coach Alf and I will be holding a workshop about how to read a head in November. We ask all Skippers and Thirds to be there for the discussion.

## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

John Doe, my assistant programmer, can always be found hard at work in his cubicle. John works independently, without wasting company time talking to colleagues. John never thinks twice about assisting fellow employees, and he always finishes given assignments on time. Often he takes extended measures to complete his work, sometimes skipping coffee breaks. John is a dedicated individual who has absolutely no vanity in spite of his high accomplishments and profound knowledge in his field. I firmly believe that John can be classed as a high-calibre employee, the type that cannot be dispensed with. Consequently, I truly recommend that John be promoted to execute management, and a proposal will be executed as soon as possible.

### ADDENDUM

*The idiot was standing over my shoulder while I wrote this report.  
Kindly re-read only the odd numbered lines!*

Source: the Lyons



ALAN AND JUNE DAWSON celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary recently. Congratulations and Best Wishes from everyone at the Clifton Springs Bowling Club.



### VALE JOHN (JOCK) JOHNSTONE

The family of Jock Johnstone has advised the Club that Jock passed away peacefully on 4th October.

Jock was buried at Altona with a special family memorial recognising his service record.

Jock was 94 years of age and a member for 24 years.