



## **BRUSH PARK BOWLING CLUB NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2017**

### Chairman's Newsletter - November 2017

#### Amalgamation:

Your board continues to work with Carlingford to finalise the amalgamation process with the latest milestone of transferring the Club License is somewhat stalled but almost done. The delay has been due to requests from Liquor and Gaming for more documentation. This documentation has now been provided and it is expected that things will now proceed. Note that, as we are coming up to Christmas, the bureaucracy is likely to slow down. This means that, contrary to earlier advice, it is unlikely that all will be done before Christmas.

As stated in the last newsletter, other regulatory requirements will be attended to once the License has been transferred,

#### Other items:

Carlingford are doing work around the club. You may have noticed:

New signage inside the club including illuminated toilet signs for both men and women.

New "Club Entry" signs on the Greenkeeper's shed.

The broken ceiling tiles have been repaired.

The new point of sale is in full operation

New Membership photo cards are available at Carlingford.

#### Coming up:

The big Tooheys sign project is moving ahead slowly. Tooheys have done a site survey and agree that the sign needs to be moved. They have also done the artwork for approval. We are unsure as to what stage they are up to with the DA.

Our website and facebook page will be updated soon.

Connect power to the Entry signs on the greenkeepers shed

Improve lighting on the "long" outside stairs

We, Brush Park and Carlingford are in discussions with West Ryde Rovers re sponsorship. Negotiations are not yet complete but I can say they have been made a good offer in cash and kind and they appear to be keen. What will this mean?

All sections will make Brush Park their home base inc Football, Netball and Cricket.

They will be expected to hold their regular events at Brush Park

Their members will be expected to join Brush Park (Carlo Group)

They will be asked to run the Friday Night raffle, keeping the proceeds, in order to attract more patrons.

We expect an agreement to be signed shortly following which full details of the sponsorship arrangement will be published.

Finally, let me re-iterate There is a role for all members to help the club survive by patronizing events such as social functions, Trivia and Karaoke, partaking of the excellent meals available from our restaurant and encouraging friends, neighbours and family to come and enjoy our facilities.

Continue to enjoy your club and go Brushie.

Geoff Young

Chairman/Secretary

Brush Park Bowling Club Ltd.

### Notes from your Selectors

Thank you to the 53 players who filled in the survey form for Pennants 2018. Your selectors have been working their way through the information you provided, and we believe we will be able to enter three strong grades again this year.

To enter three grades we need 36 players. 53 of you filled in forms however 5 indicated (for a variety of reasons) that they would be unavailable for significant parts of the Pennant season. Experience tells us that if we entered 4 grades needing 48 players each week we could not do it with only 48 players available since things inevitably occur with health issues, family commitments and travel plans.

Thus competition will be quite intense for the 36 spots we have and we see some strong sides emerging.

For those who miss out in the initial Pennant games we are planning to run the usual non-pennant players competition and are also exploring opportunities to enter combined teams with Carlingford and/or Denistone. We are also exploring opportunities to participate in a competition held between clubs at pennants time but not part of the formal pennants competition. So, we are confident everyone who wants to enjoy a competitive game will be able to do so in one form or another.

We have placed the usual Pennants Availability form on the board. If you know at this early stage that you will not be available for any rounds or trial next year, please place an "X" in the appropriate box. This will be of great assistance to your selectors in planning Brush Park's campaign to win a flag after many years without doing so.

If you did not complete a survey form but would like to play Pennants in 2018, please add you name to the Pennants Availability form and I will contact you about your preferences

Regards

Peter Murphy

For the Brush Park Selectors

## Newsletter Editor's Report

### Presentation Night

This year's Presentation Night started with a "Game On" whistle from our fantastic MC, Barry Goldsworthy.

Although we missed having a celebrity like Dame Edna dropping in, the night was a great success thanks to our MC and all the very capable and hard working organisers and volunteers.

Thanks again our Golden Fusion Restaurant for serving a very tasty and enjoyable supper.

Here are some of the many photos taken during the night, these are not in any order but I have tried to include a cross section of the many prize winners and attendees.





## Allowah Donation



Our president Richard Summerhayes presented a cheque to Scott Hurren, Director of Nursing from Allowah Presbyterian Children's Hospital at our club on Saturday 11th.

As you are aware the money is raised by way of your contributions to our "Wrong Bias" box and of course it could not go to a greater cause. It was great to see the 2 lovely children from Allowah who visited us to say "Thank you".

Scott tells me that the word "Allowah" is derived from the local aboriginal word for "resting place".

You can get more information on Allowah and see the great work they do by visiting their website at

<http://www.allowah.org.au/>

Please remember that you do not have to have a wrong bias to contribute to this great organisation.

## Melbourne Cup Tourists

A group of our bowlers, including their spouses, lead?? by Richard Summerhayes, attended this year's Melbourne Cup.

Travelling in style on the P&O Pacific Jewel everyone had a great time on the cruise, sightseeing in Melbourne, the MCG and the Cup itself.

I have not seen any evidence, or heard of, large cash winnings, despite the fact that our group included the cream of our punting and turf experts,



## Women's Club News

### Club Fours Final

Congratulations to the winners and runners up, well done ladies!

#### Winners



F Domanko, J Leek, F Langdon, J Brannagan

#### Runners Up



M Pollard, R Holman, M Armstrong, A Mahoney

### Melbourne Cup Day At Our Club

For those of us who did not journey to Melbourne for the Cup a great day was organised at our club to celebrate this event.

Once again our ladies organised the setting, decorations and sweeps to make it an enjoyable day for all.



Facinators on parade. (Who won?)



It doesn't look like John picked the winner

## Mixed Pairs



The Mixed Pairs Competition was held on Sunday 29th October. The winners were Joy Battersby and Ron Palmer and the runners up were Jenny and John Roddy.

## Notices

### Our Gardens

#### Ryde Council Garden Competition 2017

Congratulations to our gardeners who were awarded 2nd prize in the Commercial Section of the Ryde Council's Garden Competition announced on 2 November.

Well done to John Higgins and John Roddy for all their hard work and dedication during the year..

Thanks also to Swane's Nursery and members for their contributions to our garden.

### Thanks Again

We should all thank all of our committee members, selectors, volunteers and organisers whose dedication and hard work help our club to function successfully.

Also, as Geoff has said in his Chairman's report, we should all make the effort to patronize the club more often. If you can introduce more people into our club it will improve our turnover and help our long term viability.