



Bentleigh Bowling Club



April 2019 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-Pocknee environment...

The Special Alan Walker & Alan Butler Edition



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News for all from around the Club...

Presentation Night – Oh what a night!

Thanks and brilliantly executed by Harold, Thommo, Greg Fidler and Dobbie delivering us yet another entertaining evening.

Special thanks also to Jude, Barb, Rosa and Robyn on a fantastic feed for the night, including presentation of the tables and food.

Congratulations to Alan Walker on achieving Life Member and to Alan Butler on winning the prestigious Doug Osborne Most Effective Player Award. The full list of award recipients is provided at the end of this newsletter.

Thanks to John Pezos, you can also check out a selection of photos from the evening on our website:

<http://bentleighbowlingclub.bowls.com.au/gallery/gallery-2018-dup/>

Where the Bloody Hell are ya?



Presentation Night is the last hurrah for the summer season and I know quite a few people are away for Easter – but I do miss youse all heaps!

Remember, we're still open every Thursday evening (including Anzac Day this week) to shoot the breeze and have a crack at winning one of the **Hagens Organics** meat trays or **Café di Marko's** Brekky for 2 in the raffle and of course there's the Lucky Members draw.

Join your bowls club mates for a free nibble, a drink and maybe get lucky in the raffles too!

Welcome to our latest New Members

At last, we welcome Brent Gleeson to our Club. We see Brent often for tournaments and look forward to his active participation just like his old fella Ronnie!

Welcome also to Chris Green and Toby Lyng who both joined after an enjoyable Barefoot Bowls Tournament. Welcome also to Johnny Keogh's mate John Skewis who joins us from Clayton Bowls Club.

Finally, we're very pleased to welcome Paul Jemmeson and Jason Clifton from the Bentleigh Junior Football Club. Looking forward to having some beers with you on Thursday evenings and hopefully we'll get you out on the greens too!

Crooky's Riddle

You may recall last month's newsletter included a logic riddle provided by David Crook. I only had one submission and it was close enough so Douggie Meehan got the free schooner. Well done DTG!

Annual General Meeting

Mark the date in your calendar now for our AGM which will be held on Sunday 2nd June at 2:00pm. Nominations are open for the may Committee and Convenor roles so please consider nominating to one or more of these.

Club Renovations Underway



Renovations to make our Club Rooms more modern and appealing for members has now commenced under Crumpy's supervision and is envisaged to be completed in stages over the coming 2 to 3 years.

The first major upgrade is the men's toilets which will bring that facility out from the 1950s and get rid of the foul smells that emanate from the area. We will also be implementing some minor improvements to the Kitchen.

Upgrading the men's toilets will allow the current Office to be temporarily relocated into a corner of the Men's change room as we undertake an expansion of the main bar area into the space currently occupied by the Office and store room.

Please be patient as we work through these renovations and be sure not to get in the way of any demolition and construction works.

Info for Bowlers...

Keith Ronaldson steps down as Senior Coach



Keith has advised that he no longer wishes to remain on as Senior Coach at Bentleigh, preferring to focus on his own bowling performance for a time to help the Club re-attain Div 1.

Keith joined us in September 2014 and has been the Senior Coach for 5 seasons during which the Club grew significantly and saw 9 out of 10 sides play finals in 2017/18 and capped with the Div 2 section flag and a promotion to Division 1.

Keith has greatly improved my knowledge of the game of bowls through his articles published in this newsletter over the journey. I will be attempting to collate all of those articles and distribute these to members. There are some gems in there.

A sub-committee has been appointed to identify a new Senior Coach for Bentleigh and we look forward to being able to introduce our new Senior Coach well ahead of the 2019/20 season.

Please join me in thanking Keith for his wonderful contribution and loyalty to the Club as Senior Coach. Here's also hoping Keith will continue to break out the guitar and sing us many more Country AND Western ditties...

Speaking of Coaching - Coaching Accreditation course

We're always looking for new, capable people to assist with the coaching role, particularly as we are so lucky to be getting many new participants to our sport here at Bentleigh.

If you are interested in pursuing an interest in bowls coaching, why not take the first step and obtain your Club Coach accreditation in a BowlsVic course being run just down the road at Moorabbin. The total fee is \$100 per person and Bentleigh will help you out and subsidise your course with \$50.

Details as follows:

Venue: Moorabbin Bowls Club

Dates: 30th April and 1st May (Tuesday and Wednesday)

Register here: <https://bowlsvictoria.wufoo.com/forms/z16jdgxq0qtgyzx/>

Saturday Seconds made the Grand Final!!

In a dramatic last few ends of the Semi vs Sandringham, Ronnie Gleeson's rink (Ron, Watto, Rob Fisher and John Hayes) snagged an "8" to demoralise the opposition and secure a birth in the Grand Final.



Sadly, the campaign finished there, but the Club is proud to have 2 x Div 2 sides and sees this as a great stepping stone to get back into Div 1 sooner than later.

Congratulations also to our Midweek Side 1 winning their Section flag in a nail-biter against Hampton. Lesson learned – NEVER give up!



Midweek Side 2 came a valiant 2nd in their section, but still achieved the promotion to the next Divvy for next season.

Saturday Bentleigh 3 (our Seconds) also played their Section Grand Final at Clayton on Sunday and came second to Hampton. Congrat's team on your promotion to Divvy 2 for next season.

The Electric Light Div 1 and Div 2 sides also played finals, so in all, another relatively successful year for the Club. Well done everyone!

Winter Bowls – Starts Saturday 27th April. Yes - THIS Saturday!



2 games of 3 bowl triples and your entry fee of \$10 gets you a free soup, a free raffle ticket and a chance to win one of two weekly cash prizes.

Enter as a team of 3 or individually – Ron Gleeson will do his best to get everyone a game! Entry form is now up at the Club, so get your names in! This comp is open to our Social Bowlers too!

Edinburgh Shield

16 of our bowlers plus past member, Barry Culph, travelled to Echuca recently to represent the Bentleigh RSL in 5 games over 2 days. Regrettably, we dropped the first game to a local Echuca / Moama side but were unbeaten after that. We wonder what could have been had we met the local side later in the comp after acclimatising to the fast green speeds...

Still - plenty of fun, beers, wines, great food and new people met for the weekend!

2018-2019 Award Recipients

Men's Singles Champion	Damir Martinic
Men's Singles Runner Up	Garry Waldron
Ladies Singles Champion	Layla Clegg
Ladies Singles Runner Up	Jenny Naylor
Men's Pairs Champions	Keith Ronaldson Mark Thompson
Men's Pairs Runners Up	Chris Clegg Robert Santalucia
Ladies Pairs Champions	Barb Cruickshank Erica Horsfield
Ladies Pairs Runners Up	June Fitzgerald Marg Mills
Mixed Pairs Champions	Gillian Gilbert Alan Walker
Mixed Pairs Runners Up	June Fitzgerald Robert Santalucia
Triples Champions	Kris Allen Lindsay Kerr Garry Waldron
Triples Runners Up	Chris Clegg Clive King Robert Santalucia
Proportional Champion	Alan Walker
Proportional Runner Up	Tim Hope-Hodgetts
Novice Champion	Scott Sager
Novice Runner Up	Bryan Samuels
Doug Osborne Award	Alan Butler
Doug Osborne Runners Up	Barb Cruickshank Wayne Dobell Damir Martinic
McColl - McGeachin Award	Keith Gillett
McColl / McGeachin Runners Up	Trevor Hanby Bryan Samuels
Ken Richardson Award	Kevin Bosward
Ken Richardson Runner Up	Nathan Green
Life Member	Alan Walker
Club Merit Award	Dennis Jacobsen
Club Persons of the Year	Mark McLean Rae Pocknee