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Club Bulletin

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Christmas Dinner Dance and the Festive Season

At last, summer has arrived and the festive season is almost upon us. Festivities got underway at the club in style last Saturday as over 110 jolly members and their friends attended the Annual Christmas Dinner Dance.

There were three outstanding contributors that made the night such a hoot. First, Marceau Camille the versatile entertainer, second, Father Christmas and his two jolly elves, and thirdly the hardworking Social Committee led by Beth Reid. Father Christmas and his two elves (aka John Broadfoot, Garry Beckett and Geoff Bandy) drew the winning tickets for the 13 hampers. The winners were:

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| HAMPER 1. Libby Redman | HAMPER 5. Rob Bromley | HAMPER 10. Peter Goodman |
| HAMPER 2. Gerda Van der Peet | HAMPER 6. Mabel Cuce | HAMPER 11. Barry Hardman |
| HAMPER 3. Neville Bradshaw | HAMPER 7. John Young | HAMPER 12. Nazir Gul |
| HAMPER 4. Gwen Code | HAMPER 8. Don Wake | HAMPER 13. Greg Hodson |
| | HAMPER 9. June Crouch | |

New Members

We are pleased to welcome Nazir Gul, George and Anna Pouki as new members to our club. If you see these faces, give them a warm welcome and show them around.



Nazir Gul George Pouki Anna Pouki

Pennant – Mid Season Report

Yes we are almost midway through the pennant season. Looking at the table below which shows the current standings, it is evident that our midweek pennant sides are doing a lot better than the Saturday pennant sides. Well done to the midweek pennant sides. There is still plenty of time left for our Saturday pennant sides to focus and improve our standings on the pennant ladder.

MIDWEEK PENNANT

SIDE	POSITION
1 Women Only	5th
2	1st
3	3rd
4	3rd
5	2nd

SATURDAY PENNANT

SIDE	POSITION
1	2nd
2	7th
3	8th
4	7th
5	8th
6	6th

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Sausage Sizzle

Following the last round of Saturday pennant this year, there will be a free sausage sizzle on December 17th. If you are not playing pennant and can help with the sausage sizzle that would be very much appreciated. Please contact Dinesh Balgovind if you can help out.

Visit to Victoria Bowling Club Ballarat

Our club has had a long association with the Victoria Bowling Club at Ballarat East and on **Sunday January 8th** it is our turn to visit our friends. A coach has been booked and will depart the club at 9.15am. Cost is \$28 per person. Bring your own lunch. Afternoon tea and dinner will be provided by our hosts. Notice regarding this trip and list for those interested is now at the club. Please note that the closing date for putting your name on the list and payment of monies is Friday 23 December. It should be a fun day!! Contact Ash Rowe for any further information.

Club Championships

The various club championships are well underway. Just a reminder that the finals of the men's and women's singles and the men's and women's pairs will be played on the evening of **Sunday January 15th**. The men's singles finalist are Brian Salvage and Richard Lovell. There will be a sausage sizzle and the bar will be open from 5pm. All members are encouraged to support this event.

Thursday Night Meals

Our Thursday Night Meals program is having a short recess during the festive season and will resume on January 12th. The Tobin Brothers sponsored member jackpot now stands at \$200 and will be won a lucky member who is present on the night.

CHAIRMAN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As we approach the end of 2016 and the mid-point of the bowling season, it is relevant to report to you briefly on the activities of your Board of Management.

A major concern of the Board has been to establish a clear understanding of the Manningham Council's attitude to the Club's future in terms of both its premises and ongoing viability, particularly in regard to the development of Doncaster Hill. With this in view we requested a meeting with the Council CEO and officers and this took place on 25th August.

Members may be aware that our current lease, which expires in 2021, calls for a 'peppercorn' rental and requires the Club to be responsible for repairs and maintenance. It was established that the Council has an ongoing commitment to retain the area to the rear of the municipal offices as a sporting precinct. We also learned that the Council will not finance any major structural work on the clubhouse but will focus on sourcing sufficient funds to allow the total rebuild of our facility within the next five years as a multipurpose structure. Armed with this information the Board is now concentrating its efforts on carrying out essential repairs and maintenance as funds and necessity require.

Another issue that concerns us all is the unsatisfactory parking situation around the club. This was also raised with Council and following our approach a revised permit system was instituted. While this has not resolved the problem the matter is still under review by Council.

May I, on behalf of the Board and myself, take this opportunity to wish all members a convivial festive season and prosperous New Year.

Garry Beckett.