

Mordialloc Bowls Club Inc.

CLUB NEWS DECEMBER, 2007



Presidents Alex and Pam wish all Members and Friends of Mordialloc Bowls Club, a very happy Christmas and a great New Year,

All Members I hope will join with me in wishing a speedy return to good health to the following Members, Bill Castle, Bryan King, and Adam Rodgers.

To everyone else, good health and good bowling in 2008!

CHRISTMAS BREAK UP DINNER 15th December

Don't miss out. More names are needed so get your names on the list now for the Xmas Break Up. 3 Course meal served to your table and Entertainment by Lez Salisbury.

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS MUST DO!!!

Pam & Bertha's Christmas Break Up Mixed Triples Thursday 20th December.

Dress: A Christmas Theme, good fun, an excellent afternoon tea and Raffle.

Mordialloc RVBA /VLBA Tournaments in 2008

There is good sponsorship money to be won. We just need the entries. Lists are on the Notice Boards in the Main Hall

Installation of Synthetic Green

Work is scheduled to commence on 7 January 2008 to construct a new Synthetic Green with Cushion allowing for bowling both north -south and east -west. The order of works is as follows

1. Concreting at north end of Front Green (adjacent to Mc Donald St) from 7 January to 10 January by David Clarke. This must occur to remove any chance of grass seed getting onto Synthetic Surface. The concrete will run from the existing bank for 1.5 metres . Steel is being delivered on 17 December to enable the work to occur in early January

2. Excavation of synthetic green and installation of Synthetic surface with new drainage from about 9 January 2008. 6 weeks work expected. Contractor is Alan Berry (ABS Surfaces) who undertook the Chelsea work 2 years ago. In addition construction of new bank at West end (about Rink 2 and extension of bank at East end) and construction of Bocce Court at West End (rink 1-2).

The Storage area for the contractor will be through the fence to the Mordialloc Football and Cricket Club at the East end near the gate that never gets used. Our excavated green is being taken to another Council Reserve at Beasley Reserve Chelsea

Your new Green could be ready to play on mid April. Progress reports will be outlined in each newsletter.

HELP Please

Please don't leave it to the usual 2 or 3 to do the work. Volunteers are required to move the Scoreboards and Seating from around the front green to the Mowing Shed. The Scoreboards will go behind the Greenkeeper's Garage after Pennant on 22 December 2007. 10 Men would get the job done in 15 minutes.

Costs

Funding is as follows

Kingston Council	\$68925	State Govt	\$ 60000
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Mordialloc Bowls Club - \$57315 (\$ 38925 + Cushion \$10890+ Concreting to replace grass at north end estimated to be \$7500.). We cannot afford a blowout and ask all members to be thrifty in respect of Club funds to ensure we can pay the above accounts We have worked so hard particularly in the Bar area to undertake this work and estimate the financials will be O.K by 2009/2010.

There are 2 other Clubs in Victoria with a green the same as what we are planning-Korumburra and Kew Heights. I can assure all that feet comfort is upper most in our minds and we are confident we will achieve this. Bowling for the older members and those with physical difficulties will be so much easier.

Transfer of RVBA Division 2 Pennant Side on 2 and 16 February 2008

Players should note that home games against St Kilda and Armadale will be played on the Grass Green at Mentone Bowling Club on these dates, thanks to their cooperation

NO OTHER GAMES EITHER SOCIALLY, LADIES PENNANT ON TUESDAY OR LADIES SATURDAY PENNANT ARE AFFECTED. ALL THESE "HOME" GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON THE BACK GREEN.

Any queries about the above can be addressed to Brian Douglas or Reg Skelton.

We remind all members that when Management decided 2 years ago to undertake this project to

1. Reduce Greenkeeping Costs to about 38% of existing costs. A few years ago we were in debt and needed to take new directions to survive. Just have a look at the greens on Friday night and you will see the "rejuvenation" and how we gain our members such as Kevin McGowan, Jordon Stratford, Adam Rodgers, Graham Rodgers, Joe Augello, Robert Hallam etc
2. Reduce upkeep- Apart from the Greenkeeper there was chemicals, water costs, Top dressing, Surface replacement every 7 years or so etc.
3. We were the only Kingston Council owned Bowls Club without a synthetic surface. It was their influence that contributed to the decision to undertake the work on the front green to use the asset of lights
4. Provide a year round bowling facility-Synthetic Green does not need resting and will only need to be replaced after about 14 years
5. Attract new members and increase revenue by making the green available to our local community
6. Provide a greater competitive advantage in Pennant by having a choice of surface. Our opponents are doing this to us now!

We can now rethink how and when we play Winter Bowls. Slipping is reduced, dump mats gone etc. Yes we should stick to Tuesday and Saturday but why couldn't we open more often and over a different period without competing with Edithvale, Parkdale, Mentone etc. The summer syllabus can be rejigged as well.

Coloured Shirts, Jackets and Bucket Hats

Bucket Hats: 3 medium size hats are available @ \$15. A further order has been placed but will not be available until after Pennant. Cost will be \$20

Polo Shirts: A supply of Men's Polo shirts is available now. Cost is \$50 Short Sleeve and \$53 for long Sleeve. This is cost price. New bowlers have a 2007 offer of a shirt at \$25. Ladies Shirts have had to be returned as manufacturing was incorrect. The fault was both ours and theirs. Expect to have them available after Christmas. Costs as per above

Jackets: Again the order will be delivered in Feb /March. Cost is about \$88 with a further charge of \$5.50 if name was to be embroidered. A deposit of \$50 is required now and full payment on receipt of the garment. All Enquiries to Brian Douglas/Alec Fenton

The Club apologises for the delay but admits it lost control of the order and prioritisation process. The manufacturer cannot be blamed when they were unaware who was authorised. We need to recover moneys quickly as we have spent \$2500 on the good so far (Jackets excluded) No further orders are expected to be placed in the next 2 years