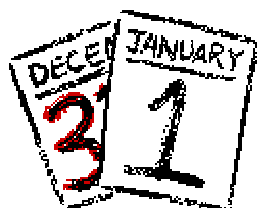


## Mordialloc Bowls Club Inc.

# CLUB NEWS JANUARY, 2008



**Presidents Alex and Pam wish all Members  
and Friends,  
A very happy and healthy New Year  
and great Bowling in 2008**



### THANK YOU.

The bar had a very successful run over the festive season hosting office break up parties and I would like to say 'thank you' to the following people:-

Audrey and Frank who did one of the late nights and Barbara and Laurie who did another. It's well after midnight (between one and two in the morning) before we can be cleared up after one of these events so this is really appreciated.

My thanks also to all the guys who are rostered on at 4.30pm each day to open the bar.

To Colin for his help when I took over his position as bar manager (hope I can live up to your expectations Colin) and to Bill for getting the pipes ready for cleaning.

Alex for organising the greens when the club is booked for an event and a 'roll-up' is requested.

The bar is running smoothly thanks to you all, and to anyone else who has done anything to help, thank you too. (I hope I haven't missed anyone out).....Oh, heck, almost forgot Betty who's been a great side kick!. Nearly landed myself in it there didn't I?

With every good wish for health and happiness to all members and their families from Betty and I.....

Jim Walker.

ps.....During these events, many ladies made a point of approaching the bar to comment on the ladies' toilets. Some said they'd never seen toilets as well presented in any club they'd been to and all mentioned how clean they were. I thought this should be brought to the attention of the ladies who clean the toilets, to let them know that all their work is noticed and appreciated.....

Betty Walker.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Get into Pennant Practice now and be ready for the start of Pennant.  
Keep up the good work and let's get some promotion!!!!

Thursday 17th January

P. & B Mixed Triples

Saturday 26th January,

Mixed Round Robin

(Aussie Colours, please)

A thief in Paris stole three paintings from the Louvre, he got past security, and made it safely to his van. However, he was captured only two blocks away when his van ran out of gas. When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and make such an obvious error, he replied, "Monsieur, here is the reason I stole the paintings. "I had no **Monet**, to buy **Degas**, to make my **Van Gogh**, see if you have **De Gaulle** to tell this joke to someone else. I told you because I had nothing **Toulouse!!**

## 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