



Mordialloc Bowls Club Inc.

CLUB NEWS NOVEMBER, 2008

GALA DAY

Another successful Gala Day was held with good financial results, over \$1250 raised. 20 teams of Fours played two games of 13 ends in beautiful weather on both front and back Greens.

Several of the visiting players spoke well of the Front green.

Well done Ladies

FRONT GREEN NEWS

It has now been 6-7 months since our new synthetic green has been completed. In that time we have also installed sun shades and seats for games that are played east-west. All in all the cost to the Club has been about \$100000 with the Council and State Government contributing an additional \$130000. Our costs include the seats, sunshades, pegs, rink numbers, yellow jacks and concreting.

We had the contractor return on the 15th October, he is extremely satisfied with its progress noting it will take more months yet to "walk/play" the sand beneath the surface. A key retarding factor is that the sand has to pass through the cushion underneath the synthetic supergrass, whereas other synthetic greens such as Chelsea/Mentone/Parkdale did not install this cushion.

Future maintenance of the front green includes Immediate removal of bird dropping, usually underneath lights. Left on green these droppings do the same thing as droppings on car duco. Please if you see any pick it up, it won't hurt you.

Rain or watering to settle sand

Grooming with a brusher and then smoothing out any sand brought to the surface. We need to drag a heavy carpet behind a small tractor to achieve this

Rotation of pegs to achieve even wear

No dumping of bowls which create craters.

Unfortunately members who do this will need to be refused permission to bowl on the synthetic green. Dumping is of most concern when the bowl is delivered to the ground more than a foot in front of you

NO ROLLING as it will crush the tips of the synthetic grass and produce a pace that cannot be slowed down

If we achieve the above we can expect 15+ years of life before we need to replace the top. Guess most of us won't need to worry about this, but we should hand the Club over in a condition, as those have to us.

Please help the 3 or 4 volunteers who undertake all works on this green where you can

GARDENS & SURROUNDS

Len Reay works on his own most Mondays not only cutting but keeping machines in order. Those Members who volunteered to assist have an onus to do so to assist him in the mowing.

IF YOU PUT YOUR NAME DOWN MEET YOUR COMMITMENT.

BACK GREEN NEWS

Our greenkeeper Michael Beck who is responsible only for the back green has done an excellent job in returning this green towards usage. The green is presently running at 13.5 seconds (same as the front) but we need growth in the bare patches once sun/heat occur

we should be able to top dress the back green in mid to late November expect to have an excellent grass green available for use in the New Year.

BOCCE/ PETANQUE

We still need to get this area more compact by rolling and compacting this. ABS who installed the area claim their work is finished and the Council Contract did not specify sufficiently the required outcome

CLUB MERCHANDISE

We have new stock mainly for men as ladies needs are not as apparent and minimum required orders are large. See Brian Douglas/Alec Fenton/Pam McDonald. There are a few smaller ladies polo shirts in stock. We are out of stock on Men's caps and are having trouble matching the design presently. Next clothing orders will be placed in May 2009

SOCIAL

Christmas Social with Les Soulsby **Friday 19 Dec. 7.30pm-11.30pm.** \$10 per head BYO nibbles/ food etc.

Being held on a Friday to keep your Saturday before Christmas available. Organise a table with your friends now.

End of Pennant Breakup with "Putting on the Ritz" on **Saturday 21 February 2009 7.30pm-11.30pm.**

\$10 per head BYO nibbles/food.

LOCKERS

If you paid \$365 fees or \$185 and a locker fee of \$10 you are entitled to a locker. If you do not fit these categories and are using a locker, please do the right thing and pay the \$10. We will audit this matter shortly and do not wish to embarrass you.

LIGHT/AIR-CONDITIONING/HEATING

We all know these costs in our own life have increased. The Club has the same issue. Please help us keep costs down and next years fees down by not lighting, air-conditioning or heating an empty hall. Just before we use the hall is the time to turn on

"Mr FIXIT"

Our retired Secretary has been doing the maintenance work around the place as dutifully as he carried out the role as Secretary. Thank you Reg.

VALE

Sadly I have to announce the Death of former Member Herb **NORTHFIELD**, and Members Jim **BASTION**, and Bryan **KING**. Our sympathy to all families concerned.

SOCIAL BOWLS

Our Friday games are getting dangerously short of players. If you don't play please consider it. If you attend other Clubs bring some of them with you to our games, even asking them to consider reciprocating. Its not about money, it's about having a game on that day. If the trend continues, we may need to think about switching the day as we hear "cant play 2 days in a row" as an excuse

With apologies to our Petanque Members



SPONSORSHIP (organised by Jim Walker)

Names are displayed in the Syllabus and on the Bar Wall. It is really important you support them and tell them where you are from, if you want them to continue supporting our Club. It may only be \$70-\$200 they give us (some more than double that) but our prizes and days like Gala Day depend on it.

INTERNET WEB SITE

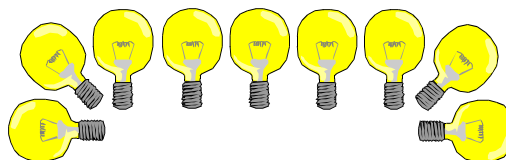
We have a web site www.mordibowlsclub.org.au. This is now where all our Club news is shown including the Selected teams for the VLBA and RVBA sides, Club news, etc. The site is updated weekly by Graeme Dickenson with assistance from others.

There are links to other sites such as the RVBA and VLBA.

Have a look presently and there are some interesting photos of the old/new front green.

We ask the ladies and men to be more proactive in supplying sides/results/details of their games etc, as out of date sites reflect badly on us.

ELECTRIC LIGHT PENNANT



Players needed, particularly Skips/Thirds.
A great way for workers to practise
Conducted 7.15pm Tuesdays commencing
11 Nov.. 12 Players needed weekly. 21 Ends,
usually finishing around 10.00pm.

Season Finishes late March 2009 with no games during pennant break

1 Lady per Rink able to be played
Home Games have a pre game BBQ dinner
Put your name on the list if interested

HEARD THESE ONES!!!!!!

I went into one of our sponsors and asked "Can someone sell me a kettle?" The salesperson said "Simpson or Kenwood. So I said "O.K. Where can I find them?"

I met the bloke who invented crosswords, yesterday. I can't remember his name ... it's P something T something R.

Phoned local Garbage Collectors other day and asked if I could have a skip outside my house. Bloke said, "Go ahead I'm not stopping you."

While in Centrelink I was asked what I thought of Voluntary Work. I said, 'wouldn't do that if you paid me.'

My wife and I were sitting in the lounge and I said to her, 'I never want to live in a vegative state depending on some fluids from a bottle, if that ever happens please pull the plug.'

She got up, unplugged the Television and threw out my Beer.

She's such a b#tch!!!

Little girl who will probably grow up to be blonde finished her first week at school and said to her mother, I'm wasting my time at school. I can't read, can't write, and they won't let me talk.

A little boy opened the family Bible and out fell a pressed Tree leaf. Mum said, "What have you got there?" He answered, "I think it Adam's underpants."