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As we no longer can speak to our members on Saturdays and many members do not use the Clubrooms after practice or games, we have decided to commence production of a quarterly newsletter to let you know what is going on and where necessary, why

Team Entry

Match Committees decided team entry. An extra Saturday side was entered to ensure every member can play pennant. In previous years members showed by their actions they did not want to play Bankers. Tuesday Pennant (not Ladies pennant) decided to enter 2 Open sides. Next year they can change this decision if they wish. The alternative on Tuesdays is to make 1 side a Ladies only side. We wouldn't have enough ladies to enter 2 ladies sides

Scheduled Break on Saturdays

A Bowls Vic rule change removed the option of having afternoon tea. Further we have been strictly policed by Kingston Council Health Inspectors and having Tea/Coffee/Cheese/Biscuits etc. is not an option unless we clean up immediately. No one or ones have volunteered to do this for reasons of either playing or being unavailable, so it's not an option. Further Managers can agree to play the 21 ends without a break but if they disagree a break must be taken.

If YOU choose to rush in a make your own cup of tea etc. the onus is on YOU to clean up and wash/dry and put away your dishes. We are not happy being your "Slave" nor exposing the Club to Health Inspectors audits and potentially having our permit to consume food removed. The same applies to visitors. And don't forget the rule is a 20 minute break. By the way the cost to the Club of this rule change is of the order of \$1500 in terms of raffle proceeds

New Flood Lighting

The State Liberal Govt donated \$30000, we will contribute an equal amount and the lights will be installed by end November. To celebrate there will be a catered dinner (subsidised cost) and game with visitors from Government, Council and other guests. When the list goes up get into it. We expect a twilight mixed bowls game in Uniform before the lights are switched on. This with our Synthetic Green and carpet replacement has been big changes for YOUR benefit. I have been advised that the work will conclude by 20 November.

A Club

We are called a Bowls Club- So we are a collective of men/women who have a common purpose of "social, literary sporting, political or other purpose group regulated by rules agreed by the members". It is disappointing that we cannot get this collective to participate to the required degree in anything other than playing bowls. It has been put to me that this is one thing lacking in our Club. We are capable of organising anything but we need your support. Apart from our Christmas function on 10 December (last year we only had 28 members attend), what about some mid-week bus trips to play bowls with another country or metro Club; an end of season trip of 3 nights with bowls, in fact anything? You only have 1 Life! What about cheap

meals served on a weekly basis? Cost wouldn't allow choice of meals but we could do what Chelsea does?

Express your opinion.

Gladys Myles

Gladys bequeathed the Club \$6800. In the past few years she donated in excess of \$10000. If you have any ideas about how we should spend the money tell your Directors. Presently we are thinking about a new honour board, landscaping and sails or a pergola near the bbq, maintenance of the Clubroom floor, some new chairs. Whatever we want to spend the money properly.

Monthly Games

Independent of Special Events we organise for you a Men's Triples game on the monthly first Wednesday at 12.30pm and a Mixed Triples on the Monthly 2nd Thursday at 11am. The games are being poorly attended with only usually 3-4 rinks. How about playing. We understand that the Tuesday pennant lacks numbers and calls on people to help out. This then hurts the Wednesday and Thursday games as older members claim they cannot play 2 times in a short period. Further lack of rinks is causing members to play elsewhere so where to? Options include the abolition of games or an increase in members. The latter hasn't occurred . It costs \$100000 plus to maintain the Club so membership fees cant reduce no matter what we do with Tuesday to Thursday, unless The Council and Utility Companies reduce their charges. Think that will happen!

Best Wishes to our Sickies particularly Buster Brown and Alan Potter and it's great to see Jack Foley around the place again.

Reminder-A \$5 entry fee applies to all Club Championship games. Please put the money in an envelope in the Treasurers box. Don't embarrass us by having to chase you. Game dates are in your Syllabus and are not negotiable in terms of date. What occurred last season in terms of date variations and an entrant being disadvantaged is not our preferred option, thus dates are now "gazetted". Next Sunday we have Triples finals. Come for a look

If we enter only Open Sides on Tuesday and Saturday, how about 1 Match Committee of 5(male and female members) that select both days? Give us your thoughts. It needs to be a Constitutional Change if you think that's the way to go.

Do you know we only have 80 members? In Bowls Vic terms that's a threatening lack of numbers.

Coaching Drills have been well attended and accepted. Well done everybody.

Centenary

The Directors and the Sub Committee of Pam, Norrie and Brian have concluded our celebrations will commence on Opening Day 2013. There will be events including

- A celebratory Lunch or Dinner
- A minimum of 3 Tournaments which celebrates the milestone. Probably on Cup Day/Australia day and 1 other Sunday. We need help with finding Sponsors.
- A photo Gallery of many who are here now or have gone before us
- Products that commemorate the 100 years and many other little events

We will be inviting Federal/State Govt MPs, Council, Bowls Vic, other Clubs to join with us in the celebrations and we will budget an amount to pay for the events. Any ideas tell Pam or Norrie.

Enjoy the centenary year of celebrations as you don't get another chance for the next milestone.

Question-Where was the Club located when it was established? The photos in the bar give you a hint.

Liquor Control and Food Safety Audits

We have been visited and WARNED.

As a consequence we need to vary the area (known as Redline) where we can consume. The process will take 6 months and require Council and resident agreement. Without this variation the Club will cease to exist, as alcohol pretty much funds our expenditure. They visited on the first Sunday of Pennant at 6pm! Other bowling Clubs were "hit" on this day as well but their redline area allowed them to consume outside.

The Heath Inspector always finds something-That is his job requirement! Please help us keep the areas we store, serve and consume, clean please.

Coming Events

November 13 -Triples Semi and Final in Uniform

November 17 -Mixed Triples 11am Sponsored by John Chapman. Mufti

November 24-Guests day -10am Uniform. Mixed Bowls with Lunch. See Alex/Eileen

November 25-Sponsors Night 5pm-7pm. A night to thank our sponsors and showcase our facility. Barefoot Bowls are expected.

November 27- Men's and Ladies Singles Rds. 1 and 2 (Uniform)

December 4-Bowls Vic U/25 Singles and Rd 3 and 4 of our Singles (Uniform)

December 6-"Mens" Triples 12.30pm Mufti

December 10-Club Xmas Dance with "In the Ritz" BYO your preferred Food/Nibbles-7pm-11.15pm \$10 per head incl Champagne/ Sherry on arrival

December 11-Semi Final Men and Ladies Singles (Uniform)

December 15 -Mixed Triples -11am

December 18-Final of Men and Ladies Singles at 1pm

***** A Catered Dinner (subsidised) and Twilight Mixed Bowls to experience our new Floodlights. Date TBA as soon as we have a completion date. Watch the Notice Board but it will be soon

Have a walk around the Clubrooms and see our list of Sponsors/Coaches/Umpires/Measurers and those who have kept the Club in place for 100 years. Makes interesting reading

New Clubrooms

Things are getting old and even though we have had good maintenance support from Council, we are in dialogue with the Mordialloc Sporting Club, Mordialloc Cricket and Football Clubs about the possibility of new facilities in the Precinct. Outcomes are 5 years away but it is in our interest to participate both from a facility aspect and as an avenue for new members. We

desperately need some people in their 40s to reenergise the playing and social side of the Club like Mentone and Cheltenham.

In case you didn't know Council has in the past 3-6 months :

- **Removed asbestos from Shelters and Water Fountain adjacent to McDonald St and replaced timber side panels with Colorbond Sheeting**
- **Removed asbestos from Clubrooms**
- **Spent many hours repairing a leaking Roof**
- **Cleaned Spouting from all buildings**
- **Put security lighting in the Car Park-(Light on top of paint shed)**
- **Replaced all door locks(last season)**
- **Managed the Lighting Project. No actual dollar support**
- **Kept an eye the 2 Flood Outcomes we experienced in the past 12 months**
- **Sought our views on Sport in the Municipality**

So not a bad response for the rent we pay. We regularly benchmark to Mentone and Cheltenham who own their land. Arguably as leasees, we might be better off

That's it for this time. Expect another newsletter in February. Any Contributions can be left in the Office. Let's hope we are a bit more socially active when next we write. Wouldn't it be great if all sides were in the four and we had some great news about our activities as a Club.

(Produced by your Executive Board Directors)