



From Chairman David:

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS.

The Club extends a very warm welcome to Cathy Stevenson, Andrew Riddle, Wendy Mundie, Ken Mundie, Robyn Fierenzi, Tony Fierenzi, Nigel Matthew, Scott Felstead, Cheryl Bullock, Pauline Edwards and Tony Mark who have become members of Wodonga in recent weeks. All members wish you well and hope you enjoy your bowls at Wodonga. It is also pleasing to see the return to the Club of Josh Rudd and John Van Nispen.

SUCCESS OF “COME TRY BOWLS”.

While we did not quite reach my lofty goal of 40-50 attendees, the three sessions held on the 8th (21), 15th (22) and 22nd (14) October were highly successful, with a total of 39 different individuals participating over the three mornings. Two new Members have already resulted, and two-three more are likely. All seemed to enjoy their time on the green, with existing members welcoming and assisting new arrivals each day, and an enjoyable sausage sizzle around noon, topping off each session. It is hoped that a few more who tried their hand may now tackle our November and February Thursday evening Business House, Neighbourhood or Family “bare foot” triples competition.

BOARD POSITIONS.

Following the resignation of John Harding the Club is currently seeking interest from members to fill the casual vacancy of Director of Finance. This position is available immediately and will run until the March 2018 Annual Meeting. If you are interested in taking on this important position, or would like more information please contact John Evans or myself. Also, our Director of Bowls, Mike Bodman, is out of action and recuperating following serious heart surgery and all at the Club wish Mike a speedy recovery. It is clear we need more interest at Board level in operating the Club. Please give this matter serious thought, we must have financial and administrative expertise among our membership and right now that assistance is urgently needed. The Board also has the power to co-opt expertise from outside the Club, so if you know a retired accountant who is bored, introduce him or her to the Club to relieve their distress.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE ROSTER.

The Christmas Raffle selling roster is now prominently displayed on the notice board at the end of the bar, and everyone is respectfully asked to check and see when and where they are listed to sell, either between 9.00am and 12.30pm, or from then till 4.00pm. Every effort is being made to roster each person on only one occasion, but offers of further assistance will be gratefully received. Raffle profit has steadily increased over the past four years from \$6,500 to around \$10,000, so this is a major Club fundraiser where the support of all members is essential. If your rostered time does not suit, please arrange a swap!!

NEW FRIDAY EVENING “QUADRANT SPONSORED” PRACTICE COMPETITION.

David King’s new initiative, with generous assistance from Steve Coulston, seems to be a WIN/WIN for both Friday Night Happy Hour and some serious pennant practice. The concept is always two bowl Single, Pairs or Triples depending on the number of entries, commencing at 5pm sharp, with a Happy Hour break at 6.15 pm, and ‘ONE END SUDDEN DEATH’ play offs just before 7pm to decide how the “Quadrant \$100” will be shared.





WODONGA



Melbourne Cup Day

TOURNAMENT

Tuesday 7th November 2017 ~ 10.00am

2 Bowl Mixed Triples

Team or Single Entry @ \$25 per player

Includes

2 COURSE LUNCHEON

1 FREE DRINK PER PERSON

Sweeps, Raffles and Fashions on the Field



PRIZEMONEY

1st \$150 ~ 2nd \$120 ~ 3rd \$90

ENTRIES CLOSE: 4th November

Please place name on sheet provided at the Wodonga Clubhouse or
email: lesleyduncan4@outlook.com



Or Brian Gilby (02) 6024 6447

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS:

Congratulations to:

Julie Jones.

Winner of the Ladies Consistency.

Bob Harbridge.

Winner of the O&M Over 60 Men's Singles.



Ladies Consistency

The final of the Ladies Consistency Handicap Singles was played on 26/10/17 between Alice Bounader and Julie Jones. Alice was handicapped seven shots behind Julie but gradually worked off the handicap and levelled the scores at 50-all. From there on, Julie hung in tenaciously to finally run out the winner, 100-99.

Congratulations to both girls for an entertaining and high-standard match which had the onlookers enthralled.

Cammo



O&M Over 60 Men's Singles:

An extremely happy Bob Harbridge (pictured) has won the final of the Ovens and Murray Section of the State Over-60's event by defeating Myrtleford veteran, Jack Lillis, 21-16. Bob got away to a flying start with a four on the first end and Jack was unable to peg him back.

Bob now goes on to Melbourne for the State play-offs.

Cammo



Fundraiser:

In an endeavor to update and rejuvenate the umpire's toolkit and carry out some minor repairs to our scoreboards the Match Committees are running a Silver Circle (\$10.00 per number, Pick Your Own) to raise funds so this work can be carried out in a timely and speedy manner.

To date we have over half the numbers sold and hopefully once all members are aware this fundraiser is in place the remainder of numbers will be bought.

The main number sheet is on the notice board near the bar, simply put your name on the board, give your \$10 to the bar staff, tell them the number you have selected, and your entry is in for the draw. As soon as all numbers are filled we will draw the winners. Prizes are: 1st \$300 - 2nd \$150 - 3rd \$100 - 4th \$50

As tournaments etc. cannot be run easily without these vital pieces of equipment it would be greatly appreciated if members can assist the Club by purchasing a number.



Wodonga Cup Day Public Holiday Friday 24th November at 2.00pm Social Bowls Event



Open to Members / Visitors and New Bowlers

Drawn Triples - \$15 Entry includes Bistro snack

2.00pm – 3.00pm - 1 Player Singles 2 Players Pairs

3.15pm – 4.15pm - Different Player MUST play Singles

1 Player Singles / 2 Players Pairs

4.30pm – 5.30pm Triples

All games are 2 bowls. 2 bowl Singles / 2 bowl Pairs & 2 bowl Triples. All play to the Bell.

No rolling of the jack. Placed on the line.

Results determined by total games won then shots up.

Sponsored By: Stephen Coulston - Quadrant Financial Services

Diary Dates - November:

Thu 2

Ladies Club Singles Rnd 1

Sun 5

Men's Club Singles Rnds 1 & 2

State Triples Men & Women Final

Mon 6

Ladies Meeting

Tue 7

GENERATIONS Melbourne Cup Mixed Triples

Wed 8

Midweek Pennant Rnd 4

Men's Pairs 2:4:2 Note: Late Start

Sun 12

State Singles Men & Women Rnds 1 & 2

Thu 16

Ladies Club Singles Rnd 2

Sat 18

Jackpot Pairs

Sun 19

Men's Club Singles Rnd 3

Sun 26

State Pairs Men & Women

Thu 30

Ladies Club Singles Rnd 3

Reminders:

Because Tuesday 7th November, Melbourne Cup Day, is a public holiday round four of mid-week pennant will be played on Wednesday 8th November. Please note: Men's social pairs will still be played on that day but will commence at 2:30pm.

Saturday 18th November is opening day of the Vic Open so consequently there will not be any weekend pennant on that day, but Jackpot Pairs will be held at the Club. Also, because of the Vic Open there will be no midweek pennant on Tuesday 21st November.

Men's Club Singles Championship entries close 27th October with the first round to be played on 5th November and all other rounds to be played before or on the due date. Hopefully no exceptions.

LADIES MEETING

Monday 6th November

1:00pm

Mid-week Pennant Selection

We had a good start to mid-week pennant with three divisions winning but did not go so well in the second round. Early days with many more rounds to come

Members are reminded to check the pennant draw on the notice board because some information in our diaries is incorrect because O&M made last minute alterations to the draw after our diaries went to the printers.

Pennant players are reminded that you are not permitted to take your own lunch to Club Mulwala, YMGCRC, Corowa Services and Wodonga – some of our players have been forgetting this rule. You can take nibbles to have during a game.

Selection meets on Wednesdays at 1:30pm. If any player has a concern you should come and discuss it with the full committee and not single out one selector to air your problem. The selection committee will do their very best to address any problems.

Enjoy your pennant!

Hellen.

Farewell Margaret:

It is with considerable regret that the club says farewell to Marg Hickey who is moving to the Bellarine Peninsula after about six years at Wodonga Bowling Club. Marg was a tireless worker for a number of years, organising the catering for many Club functions and bringing in much-needed revenue for the Club.

About thirty ladies gathered for a morning-tea on Monday, 16/10/17 to express their appreciation for Marg's efforts and all at the Club wish her well in her new place of residence. It might be a bit easier now for her to get to see her beloved Tigers in action!

Cammo.

Ladies Match Committee:

Melbourne Cup Day Tournament is just around the corner, so get your names on the board, dress up and get ready to have a fun day. Two Bowl Triples, make up your own teams.

Congratulations to Julie Jones who took out the final of the Ladies Consistency in an extremely high standard very close match against Alice Bounader.

Congratulations also to Marg Vlacci, Maxine Neilson and Pat Jackaman who completed the Umpires course at Wodonga last week. This will relieve Margo Howe and Merle Turner who have carried the responsibility most efficiently over the past few years.

Louise.

Strategic Plan:

The final version of the strategic business plan that a Club committee has been developing under the guidance of Michelle Hudson from the firm the communication dept. has been submitted to the Club.

As well as the "Vision Statement" and the "Mission Statements" (see last month's Newsletter) six strategic focus areas were identified and prioritized and are outlined on the following page.

Nominations have been received from Club members to form a sub-committee for each of these strategic focus areas to further develop these areas. It is expected that this will be an ongoing project and reports from these sub-committees, when brought together, will form the "road map" for the future development of the Club.

Wodonga Bowling Club

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

1st **\$3000** FOR TRAVEL & ACCOMODATION

2nd **\$500** IN FUEL CARDS

3rd **\$100** GIFT CARD

4th-6th **\$50** GIFT CARDS

\$2 Per Ticket

Strategic Business Plan

Member survey results indicate that 88% of members surveyed are in agreement with the draft WBC vision statement, 100% of members surveyed are in agreement with the WBC mission statements and there is strong support by members for all six strategic focus areas.

Creating a welcoming environment and enhancing Club and bowling green facilities are the highest priority strategic focus areas.

Strategic Focus Area Ranking

Welcoming Environment: Provide a welcoming member and visitor experience.

Facilities: Enhance facilities to provide first class bowling and social opportunities.

Financial Management: Implement prudent financial management for long time sustainability.

Marketing: Improve marketing to attract members and visitors, and to increase venue usage.

Bowling Experience: Improve the bowling experience for competition and social bowlers.

Human Resources: (Paid/Unpaid) Maximise engagement and satisfaction of paid and unpaid staff.

Ladies President's Report:

It has been a very busy start to the pennant season and the selection committee is working hard getting it all sorted.

Please be reminded that no food should be bought into the club as we have an arrangement with the chef. Snacks and fruit can be consumed while playing bowls. There is some confusion about the lunch money we need to pay to other clubs that food can't be taken to. The cost is \$5.00 and is to be given to the second. This collected money then needs to be given to side captain who will pass on to the home side captain. If there is confusion, please come and see me.

It is lovely to see some new members playing social and pennant bowls. Please welcome our new members remember we all were new once.

There have been some of our members playing in state games and have done very well. Congratulations to these members - what a sterling effort!

Julie Jones and Alice Bounader played a fabulous singles consistency final with Julie getting over the line 100 to 99. This was a great game and it was a privilege to mark this game for these ladies. Well done ladies.

We have received a card from Marg Hickey, it appears she is settling in and enjoying her sea change. Thank you to all the ladies that came for the high tea we had for her. It was a great morning and thanks to Tim for the enjoyable spread. Thanks to Bob also for helping us out for this get together.

Well that's about it from me so happy bowling and fellowship with our fellow members.

Pat.