

FROM THE BOARD:

Selling of tickets for the Christmas raffle is progressing well. Please remember to check the notice board to check times that you have been rostered for selling tickets. If you need to swap a time, please arrange this with someone else on the list and mark the changes accordingly.

As members would be aware Peter McLarty has resigned from the board. We thank Peter for his contribution and look forward to his return. Ken Mundie has been seconded to fill the board vacancy. He will take over the External Infrastructure Directorship with David Jackaman moving to Director of Bowls. We thank Ken for stepping up and look forward to his participation.

The Silver Circle organised by Garry King earlier in the year resulted in a net profit of \$360.00. These funds will go towards updating the two club first aid kits. One will be for the bowling greens and the other for the kitchen. Any remaining funds will be used to upgrade the club Umpire's Kits.

Over the next few weeks there are a large number of functions booked into the function centre so we will be very busy. There will be plenty of opportunities for members to help as volunteers so please don't be shy and let Kate know if you are able to assist in any way.

Funds raised from the Major Christmas Raffle are being saved and will be used on a major project in the new year. It is fantastic the Club is in such a position to be able to do this.

Sally Stein from MTA Travel has kindly agreed that the sponsorship money donated by her for the washed-out Melbourne Cup Tournament can now be used for the Valentine's Day Tournament.

Catering Volunteers have been doing a fantastic job resulting in a profit to date of \$13000. A huge thank you to everyone involved.

The Board of Management appreciates the hard work that our volunteers do around the Club and feel its time to get together for a BBQ to be held at the Club on Sunday 2nd December at 12:00noon. Please RSVP to Karen or add your name to the list at the Club. Hope to see you all there.

The Board, and all Club members, extend best wishes for every success to **Lyn Winter**, winner of the Ladies' O&M Over 60s Singles Championship, and **Ashley Bates**, winner of the Men's O&M Over 60s Singles Championship, when they go on to play in the state finals of these events to be held at Frankston City Bowls Club on 12th to 14th December.

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS:

Congratulations to:

Paul Davies, Ashley Bates, Ray Moon.

Winners of the Men's O&M Triples Championship.

Ashley Bates. (Again)

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

Kylie Whitehead.

Winner of the Ladies' O&M Singles Championship.



SPONSORSHIP - BUSINESS HOUSE /BAREFOOT BOWLS:

Wodonga Bowling Club welcomes our newest barefoot bowls sponsors

1. **WODONGA PLANT FARM, Huon Creek Road**, who have donated each Thursday evening during November and February a voucher which includes a \$20 plant voucher and 2X coffee vouchers.
2. **BEAZLEY'S MEATS Morrison Street Wodonga** who have donated Thursday evenings 2X meat trays.

We now have eight barefoot bowls sponsors all but Beazley's have a team represented on Thursday evenings:

- Nathan from Short'N'Sweet Concrete
- Marty from Doors'N'Knobs
- Phil from Phil Gosbell Plumbing
- Adam from Leed Steel
- Josh from Drummond Real Estate
- Steve from Azzi Nusser Service Centre
- Andrew/Peter from Wodonga Plant Farm
- Joel from Beazley's Meats

We now have 28 teams of triples (\$45.00 per team) who bowl 2X games each one hour, 6.30pm – 7.30pm and 8.00pm -9.00pm. From 7.30pm - 8.00pm we have a sit-down light meal, drinks and a raffle.

The meal consists of either a BBQ (steak, sausages, onions, coleslaw), hot beef rolls (chips, coleslaw), or pizza. There is a team of 8- 10 members who contribute to an easy running of the evening with takings of over \$3000 each night towards the club.

The newer smaller bowls have added a greater control and satisfaction to the delivery of the bowls for many of our bowlers. If you know of prospective bowlers, it would be beneficial to the club to introduce them into our barefoot bowls evenings but a team of 3 is required. We have members who will support them on the nights. Why not come along with them and have a game yourself while introducing them to the game of bowls and the Wodonga Bowling Club Inc. Our next competition will be Thursday evenings in February.

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CHRISTMAS TRIPLES:

The club will again be conducting the annual Christmas Mixed Triples – **Sunday 16th December – at 9:30am.**

This is always a fun event with plenty of prizes of hams, etc. and the club would like to see as many members as possible get into the spirit of the festive season and enjoy a relaxed and happy game of bowls.

Teams are drawn, two games of ten of two bowl triples are played, the entry fee is \$12.00 which includes "Christmas Fare" finger food.

FROM MID-WEEK SELECTION COMMITTEE:

The mid-week pennant season is one third of the way through and all grades are in good positions on their respective tables. We now need to work together over the next few weeks leading up to the Xmas break to set our season up for the run into the finals, when we resume in January.

At this stage, the selectors have begun to move some players around in other grades in order to have them graded. This allows more flexibility of player movements leading up to the finals campaign. We want players to be aware that there is competition for positions in all grades, and that the makeup of rinks and grades has not been finalised at all. Some players have already been moved into a higher grade for a couple of games, those players need to be aware they will eventually go back at some stage to the lower grade to gain qualification in that lower grade. The more players that selectors have at their disposal in all the grades to choose teams from, we believe will benefit the club to obtain more success.

As is always the case, unavailability of players during the pennant season disrupts the balance of teams. We know at times it is unavoidable, but it is always an issue that selectors must deal with.

Remember team harmony and encouragement of your team mates is an ingredient of team success.

Make sure when a WBC player plays a good shot yell out some encouragement, and they don't just have to be in your rink either!!

The Monday training drills will continue for the remainder of the season from 3pm to around 4.30pm. If you are keen to improve your shot playing and consistency I recommend attending, you don't have to be there for the full session.

A brief breakdown of the season so far is as follows. **A1** are 3rd in a tight grade, only 30 points separates top and bottom. **A2** are 2nd and are 18 points clear of 5th position. **A3** are 2nd and 28 points clear of 5th position. **B2** are 2nd and 29 points clear of 5th position. **B3** are 3rd and 18 points clear of 5th position.

As you can see it only takes a couple of losses and some unfavorable results with other clubs and we could all likely miss the final four. Take nothing for granted, play well for the next few games until the Christmas break and establish your grade into finals contention.

If you have any issues relating to pennant, please present yourself to the selection committee at 4.30pm on Wednesday.

Good Bowling



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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:

The Monster Christmas Raffle conducted by the club each year is a great source of revenue and assists greatly in keeping the club "in the black".

The drawing of the winning tickets will be conducted at the club rooms on the evening of Monday 24th December at 6:30pm with "Happy Hour" drink prices, plenty of tasty finger food, raffles with good prizes and much merriment.

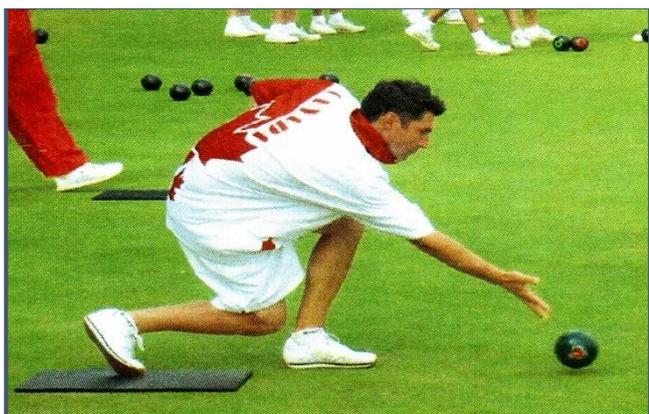
The Board is looking forward to making this event a festive occasion and is hoping as many members, with friends and family members, as possible can attend and participate in this happy evening of much fun and laughter. Not a night to be missed. You never know your ticket maybe first out of the barrel!



No bowls but plenty of colour on Melbourne Cup Day.

COACHING TIP FOR NOVEMBER:

- Bring repetition into your delivery, it will help with being a more consistent player.
- It all starts from when you pick your bowl up from behind the mat, decide what shot you are playing (in singles) or wait until your skipper tells you what shot they want played.
- Make sure you have the correct bias, visualise the shot to be played.
- Step onto the mat, make sure your feet are pointing towards your aiming point.
- Pick your aiming point (off the bank, or a point on the green etc.). Look at the length the 'kitty' is from your position on the mat.
- Visualise and feel the weight required for the shot to be played, take a quick glance down at your bowl to ensure your bowl is on the correct bias.
- Lock in your aiming point and deliver your bowl smoothly.
- Remember weight control is an eye/hand/memory skill. These are drills that assist you with this skill.



CLUB SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS:

As we go to print there are four contenders left in both the Ladies' and Men's Club Singles Championship with, not unexpected, a few early round surprises. Dates for playing the semi-finals are still being arranged but at this stage it is expected that the Men's Final will be played late in December and the Ladies' final played early in January.

The four semi-finalists in the Ladies' Championship are Lyn Retallick, Margaret Bedford, Kylie Whitehead and Alice Bounader. Semi-finalists in the Men's Championship are Josh Rudd, Mason Bayliss, Rob Taylor and Ashley Bates.

MEMBERS MEETING

**MONDAY 3RD
DECEMBER**

1:00pm