

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Firstly, I wish all Pennant teams and any players still battling it out in Club events, every success in their quest for supremacy. I also wish Kylie Whitehead all the very best when she travels to the UK representing not only Australia, but our club. Have a wonderful trip Kylie and enjoy every moment of it, you certainly deserve it.

As I will be away from 18th March to 2nd April, so please refer any queries to Board members.

I would like to thank all volunteers for their extraordinary efforts and support over the last six months - "Enthusiasm is Catching".

I would also ask all members to be friendly and respectful to each other – "assumptions are not necessarily correct". Please do not criticize, as most are volunteers doing their best. How about asking a person on any committee – that would certainly stop "assumptions".

We have a good number of teams reached the finals both weekend and midweek. This is a reflection on the great job done by our selectors. They may not have done it the way you would have preferred, but bear in mind they put up their hand to do the job. Please support them and tell them what a good job they've done.

A Special General Meeting will be held on Friday, 8th April, 2022 to elect our Selection and Match Committees for the 2022-23 season. Please come along and make your vote count.

On a very positive note, we have had some great events and successes and are in there with pennant teams. Go Wodonga!!

Graham Searle.

MEMBERS DRAW AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Please be aware the Members Draw, usually held on the last Friday of the month has been delayed to coincide with our **Special General Meeting** to elect the Match and Selection committees for season 2022-23.

The meeting and **\$600 MEMBERS DRAW** will be held on **April 8th, 2022**. More information will be posted on the club noticeboards as it becomes available. Please consider nominating for one of the positions, with nomination forms available at the club. Nominations close on Friday 1st April 2022.

OUR SUCCESSFUL PENNANT TEAMS

WINNERS WEEKEND A2



Back Row L-R: Garry Howlett, John Howes, David Nichol (Em), John Van Nispen, Bill Luty, Noel Murrell, Phil Peers, John Hodson, Klive Liverton
Front Row L-R: Bob Harbridge, Mark Westwick, Alice Bounader, Cheryl Morgan, Bernie Jones (Mgr), Julie Jones, Marg Bedford, Darren Millar, Fred Baldock



GRAND FINALISTS WEEKEND A1 AND A4



A1 Team

L-R Back Row: Josh Rudd, Jim Sharp (Mgr), Ashley Bates, Peter McLarty, Adam S, Mason Bayliss, Steve Coulston, Chris Bird, Phil Sharp (Em), Front Row: Greg Porter, Brian Arundel, Ray Moon, David Smith, Kylie Whitehead, Mark Coulston, Mark Morgan, David King, Rob Taylor

A4 Team

L-R Back Row: Paul Witham, David Jackaman, Ken Mundie, John Boyd, Martin Koppens, Paul Morris, Ralph Coulston, Ken Barnes, John Sarroff
Front Row: John Horne, Ron Bohun, Wendy Mundie, Liz Coulston, Pat Jackaman, Dawn Fraser, Isabel Pleming, Brian Gilby, Russell Telford



GRAND FINALISTS MIDWEEK PENNANT A3



A3 Team

L-R Back Row: Doug Winter, Stuart Gardner, David Christie, Garry Eastlake, David Nichol, David Sully, Russell Telford
Front Row: Maxine Bounader, Lesley Duncan, Isabel Pleming, Sue Beer, Louise Farrar, Wendy Mundie, Dawn Fraser.

Congratulations to all those players not involved in playing Pennant finals for their contribution to our teams in this difficult and challenging Covid year. Running Pennant each year involves a number of volunteers, and we thank them all. Special thanks to the Selection Committee who rarely get the praise they deserve and have taken on both Midweek and Weekend Pennant. They are: **Don Driver (Chairman), Garry Howlett, John Horne, Dick Sayer, Maxine Bounader, Isabel Pleming, Bruce Owen, Wendy Mundie, Hellen Harrison.** They should be proud of the results they have helped achieve this year.

DIRECTOR OF BOWLS REPORT

There have been many club events completed alongside pennant to date, and we have also had many community groups using our greens over the past few months. Overall, the support of the match committees, other members and with the Board assistance, the events have been well run.

With new members nominating for committee positions, our future looks promising.

Mark Morgan and myself met with our Bowls Australia Regional Manager, Peter Williams on Wednesday 16 March. He offered some interesting ideas in relation to getting new members, assistance with selection issues, further assistance in obtaining grants and developing bowls programs. Further information will be made available after Board discussion.

Lists for pennant availability are on the notice board for NEXT season. Please add your name if you intend to play either weekend or midweek pennant next year.

Last weekend saw the grand finals of weekend pennant being played. The club was represented in 3 grades with the A2 side successful and A1 and A4 suffering narrow losses. Well done to all players involved.

Anyone willing to assist Fred Baldock and myself with social groups over the winter period would be appreciated. Let me know if you are available. It is not too difficult, takes an hour or so and more help spreads the load.

Yours, Ashley Bates

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



NAME: James Scullin (Scully)

OCCUPATION: Firefighter (Fire Rescue Victoria)

NOW RESIDING AT: Traralgon Victoria

CLUB PLAYING FOR: Traralgon Bowls Club

YEARS AT WODONGA BC: I think it was about 8 years during early 2000's.

PREMIERSHIPS: Two - 2002/3 (A2), 2004/5 (A1)

MOST ENJOYABLE MOMENT AT WODONGA: Obviously winning the

Champion of State Pennant in Barham in 2004. A close second was winning the Wodonga club singles against club legend Ashley Bates in 04/05.

BEST ACHIEVEMENT AT THE CLUB: Winning club singles

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT THE CLUB: Performing the Heimlich manoeuvre on Batesy when he was struggling to breathe after taking a bite on a steak at a premiership celebration at the club.

FUNNIEST PERSON AT THE WODONGA BC DURING YOUR TIME: There are a few, but if I had to name someone it would have to be Ray Moon.

BEST ACHIEVEMENT/S SINCE: Winning the 2019/20 STRZELECKI BOWLS REGION Champion of Champion Singles

BEST BOWLER/S SEEN AT CLUB: Ashley Bates

WHO WOULD YOU AVOID BUNKING WITH ON A WODONGA BOWLS TRIP? 'Smokey' Dawson - due to his loud and constant snoring, and Mick McDermott who had a serious methane issue.

FUNNIEST MOMENT WHILST AT WODONGA: There was always some great moments after a Grand Final win during the celebrations back at the club, such as myself being a topless barmaid for a little while.

ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY ABOUT THE WODONGA BC?

It's a great club with great people, and I really enjoyed my time there. All the best to everyone there for the rest of the season.

MENS OVER 60s REPORTS

3 February and 24 March

28 teams entered the event on 3 February on what was a fine day, with 5 teams from Wodonga taking to the greens. It proved to be a successful day all round.

14 teams entered on 24 March, with 5 being from our own club.

The greens were in good shape thanks to DJ Swasbrick, with the assistance from Noel Murrell. And the ladies prepared their famous lunches with a team led by Maxine Bounader, Elaine Gilby and Shirley Owen.

There were many others who assisted prior to and throughout the days. Many thanks to Jeff Paini, Bruce Owen, John Boyd, Ashley Bates, Mark Morgan, Ron Harrison and Bill O'Connell. Their work was very much appreciated.

Thank you to our sponsors of the events **QUADRANT FINANCIAL PLANNING**, who donated the prizemoney. And for the 42nd year, **MORRIS WINES** sponsored the raffle prizes of 6 bottles of fortified wines. Thank-you letters will be forwarded to both.

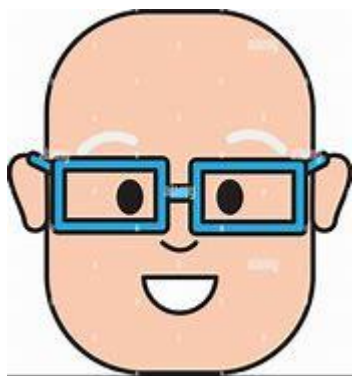
On 3 February, we unfortunately had two visiting teams withdraw from the event due to floods in the near region, and illness. I was able to find replacement teams and also arranged for a back up number of players, to prepare for any other late withdrawals.

The presentation to the prize winners on 3 February were from Howlong and North Albury was undertaken before the speaker of the day, Roger Moore, said a few words.

At the days completion on 24 March, we presented the winning prizes to the 1st place teams, both from Wodonga.

MARTIN KOPPENS

MENS 60 and OVER CO-ORDINATOR



THE MAGIC OF BIFOCAL GLASSES

An old man called Sully, practices bowls with his pals each week and had just purchased a new pair of bifocal glasses.

On the first end, he draws four touchers and his friends are amazed. Again, on the 2nd and 3rd ends, another four touchers.

“Hey, Sully”, asks Big Dave, “What’s your secret? You’ve never bowled so well.’

“Well guys, its these new bifocals. I see a small jack and a big jack. I aim for the large one, and the rest is history.”

A few ends later, Sully needs to relieve himself so off to the toilets he goes. When he returns, his trousers are drenched. “What happened Sull?”, asked one of his mates.

In confused voice, he says “I reached in and looked down, I saw a big one and a little one. I knew the big one wasn’t mine, so I put it back!”

DUNSTAN DAY RESULTS



The annual Dunstan Day tournament was held at Wodonga Bowling Club on March 13. Four games of 10 ends were played with a play-off of 5 ends between two four game winners.

Players from Corryong, Chiltern, Swanpool, Beechworth, Yackandandah, St Kilda, Tawonga,

Wangaratta, Lavington and North Albury took part in the prestige tournament.

Winners: J. Rudd, R. Moon, G. Howlett, M. Morgan - 4 wins

Runners-Up: M. Bayliss, R. Bartel, S. Coulston, J. Howes - 4 wins

Third: S. McMahon, K. Liverton, A. Critchlow, J. Payne - 3wins +28

Fourth: I. Brimblecombe, G. Sanders, L. McDonald, G. Oates - 3wins +26

Fifth: L. Bradshaw, S. Mathieson, D. Stewart, T. Coles - 3wins +8

Best Last Game: T. Smedley, B. Harbridge, D. Driver, G. Bath - +7

LADIES TRIPLES TOURNAMENT Sponsored by Twin City Pest Control

Sixty-six players competed in this day bringing visitors from 14 clubs throughout the district. A fabulous day was had by all, with members bringing a plate to provide lunch for the day. The spread was something to behold – well done ladies. Congratulations to Sue Beer and her team on organising a magnificent day. Compliments have been flowing. Many thanks to Maxine and Wal for their continued sponsorship of this event.

Winners: Di Peacock, Michelle Hamilton, Pauline Clearson (Chiltern)

Second: B. McCleave, Bev Reichman, Jan Fisher (Rutherglen)

Third: Gwen Pearce, Jan Widdop, Marie Nesbitt (Rutherglen)

Best Last Game: P. Francis, L. Martin, H. Richards (Lavington)



SPONSORSHIP PROMOTION

The Club are currently running an extensive Sponsorship promotion offering a number of levels of sponsorship. The packages are available in the clubhouse so if you know of a business, perhaps someone you use often or a friend or relative, please pick up one of the packages and offer it to them.

Our club relies heavily on and appreciates the contribution of our sponsors and it is up to us all as members, to push this barrow.

SULLY'S MAINTENANCE DAY



Our Club maintenance day was a huge success with 17 volunteers giving up their time and helping to produce a magnificent result.

This included fixing the drainage system in the main carpark, filling all the potholes front and rear of the club, spray painting all the Carparking bays, removal of four very tired trees and pruning of trees and plants on both sides of the Dunstan green.

I must say none of this would have been possible without the dedication of the

members mentioned below and a huge thank you to Graeme Searle for organising the big machinery which cut our work time and costs well below half!

Others like Russell Telford (digger operator), Freddy “Bulmer” Baldock found his way and was being the “Wacker” man. Graeme Fleming was a complete all-rounder and Dave Jackaman is the greatest supervisor going round. Paul “Plodder” Morris just keeps getting the job done, while Andrew Riddle speaks in riddles but gets the task done somehow. Geoff Brown was the “quiet one” but takes it all in while pushing his barrow, Marg & Brian Arundel are the “perfect team couple” and Colin Webb never gives in and onward we go. Bob Harbridge gets involved, works hard and still can’t find his shovel. Garry Howlett works away just being a “Saint”. Tony Cook has now extended his barman portfolio to include working with the “tradies” and surprisingly, Dick Sayer for a change didn’t have a lot to “say” but worked well. And finally my great mate and mentor Noel “don’t be late” Murrell a big thanks too!

Finally, I’m still looking for 2 people to look after the gas bottles for our BBQ and another 2 people for assisting with bin and bottle clearing around the club on an ongoing basis. None are hard jobs just an hour here or there! Give me a call and I’ll let you know the details!

Regards
Dave Sully

UMPIRES, MARKERS, MEASURERS

Our club are required to provide people with these skills for our Pennant matches, tournaments, club championships etc. and currently are sadly short of qualified members. Training can be completed in just a few hours but we need a number of interested members to make running these courses viable.

INTERESTED??

Please let Louise Farrar know and we will organise a training day.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT



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Come visit our own club member, Financial Advisor Stephen Coulston, for any advice you may require.

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