



Who let the dogs out?
We did!

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From the Board

Good news at last: By the time you are reading this we are open again although in a restricted manner and all in accordance with the current COVID -19 restrictions. This has been a difficult time for all members and their families but getting back to have a roll-up or a drink at the Bar and say hello to friends is what we all needed. Thanks to Drew Pallot (Bar Manager) and team for having the Bar ready to open at short notice. As you know we have been able to have a roll-up since Wednesday 21st October and a big thank you must go to Jackie MacKay for organising and advertising the Bowslink booking system which is working well and to Neville Roper and all the volunteers who help on the greens (who would ever have thought we needed to have COVID Marshalls?). Things (COVID restrictions etc) are still changing from day to day and we will keep you updated as best we can via email and the club webpage.

FROM time to time we receive anonymous cash and goods donations from members and others to help with running of the Club and whilst respecting their wishes to remain anonymous we would like to acknowledge these and thank them on behalf of all Members.

So October is ending on a positive note and we may even play pennant in late November. So from the Board of Management, welcome back and see you at the Club.

Tournament Committee

While waiting on confirmation from BV on whether pennant starts on 28th Nov or gets pushed back to January, we're looking at dates for the club championships. Depending on restrictions, we hope to start Singles from late Nov and Pairs early Dec. We will push championships through as quickly as we can so please keep an eye out on the club noticeboards for entry forms. A revised schedule of championships will be published when more information comes to hand.

From Wally the Garden Guru

Hi everyone, Spring is here at last and at the time of writing it's 21 degrees and sunny. Time to plant tomatoes. Dig fairly deep hole about 6" and place a little manure in bottom. Mix well in, then put a little soil on top. Place seedling in hole halfway up the stem. The bottom half will produce roots and make plant strong and healthy. It's a good idea to plant French marigolds and nasturtiums to encourage bees and aid pollination in all your garden beds.

What's New: growing to half normal size the

New Zealand bred Dahlia Dream Seeker. purchase on-line from Touch of class Plants will impress with its large blooms. I mentioned manure earlier, well a few years ago I had some fresh horse manure I had gathered from my mate's place in Healesville. I was very impatient and wanted to use it straight away (we all know it has to be well rotted down before use), I thought how can I dry this out? I know, I'll put it on trays in the oven that will do the job. Marj was out shopping so a perfect time to do this. I returned to the garden and about 20mins later there was this great big boom, I thought the house had blown up. On inspection the oven door was on kitchen floor blown off it's hinges. Needless to say Marj was less than pleased. That stunt cost me a new oven. So don't be a Wally with manure. See you soon.

Snippets

To compensate for the drubbing that Collingwood received against the Cats, Peter Meyer won a car (Suzuki Baleno) in a raffle in the same week! Congratulations Peter!

SINCE the shutdown, weeds have run rampant in the club flower gardens. Once we re-open (date TBA), the ladies will need a helping hand, even if just for a week or two, to get



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them back to their beautiful best. If you some spare time on a Mon morning approx 9-noon, please ring Beryl Turner on 0400 245 483.

From Coach Henny

The coach will be in attendance on Sat and Sun mornings. If pennant goes ahead as planned at present from 28th Nov, Thursday evening coaching is also planned. Members who have "Personal Development Plans" with me will also be catered for. As things are still very fluid and subject to change, please keep an eye out for further announcements.

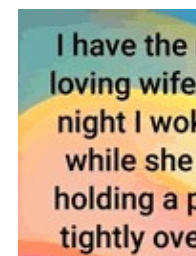
From Kay, the Sunshine Lady

Get well cards sent to Ken Taylor who had a heart operation and Neil Johnson for prostate. Hans Nyhuis was in Knox for 10 days. Trevor Gardoll had an epidural on his back. Ken Garden hopes to have his op next month. Peter Rawlingson has had his second injection in his shoulder so we hope this one works; he won't know for a few days.

From Bowls Committee

In order for the greens to be ready for a shorter pennant season starting in January, major maintenance has been done on the 2 grass greens that would normally have been done over the Xmas break. Unfortunately this meant that we had only the synthetic available for 1-2 weeks when we returned to bowls. However with the booking calendar, we were able to fit 40 players per day into the 4 x 90min sessions available with the Tue-Sun opening hours while keeping to the covid numbers restrictions. We apologise that more greens weren't be available, but on the bright side - this mean we won't close at Xmas and can play and get some pennant practice all through the Xmas period in readiness for a great pennant season.

EFFECTIVE from Saturday 31/10, we will have Green 2 available as well as synthetic. With 32 players per green now permitted you will no longer be required to book in. Covid guidelines still apply (mask/social distancing etc) and you must sign the book at the door for contact tracing.



From Barefoot Bowls

With all of what has been happening with Covid-19 and the restrictions in place, obviously barefoot bowls will be the last thing to be up and running in full swing at the club. However, we are still receiving barefoot bowls enquiries which is a great sign. We have put everything on hold until restrictions are lifted as we don't want to risk the health and safety of any members! As things start to go back to normal, we are excited to look at doing more events at the club. We received great feedback from what was a successful event with Mon Poulet for the picnic and barefoot bowls day. We are hoping to do it again and have it bigger and better than before. It was great to see so many new faces and people enjoying a day at the club with great food and a game of bowls. It is a great way to get new people through the Mooroolbark Bowls Club doors. We have many more great ideas for new and exciting events at the club in the new year!

James and Leigh from the barefoot bowls section.

