



Who let the dogs out?
We did!

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From the Board

The good news continues, the clubrooms are open, the bar is open and best of all the greens are open. But to ensure this remains the case we all have to follow the remaining COVID restrictions (social distancing, sanitizing etc), so thank you to all members for your support, patience and understanding during this most unusual of years. Unfortunately one of the casualties will be the Christmas Party (Dec 19th) - this has had to be cancelled due to the remaining restrictions which include no dancing and table numbers, which of course means the 2021 party will be bigger and better.

As you know during this time the Board and Bowls and Tournament Committees have continued to meet to ensure that all Governance and Operational requirements are complied with. A couple of items that were agreed at Monday's Board meeting that will be of interest to members were: the approval to source paid bar staff to overcome the shortage of bar volunteers and the printing of a limited (mainly pennant related) year book which should be available in a couple of weeks. It's good to see the Club Championships happening, so well done to Jackie MacKay and team; and Pennant starts this week, so good bowling to all and we'll see you at the Cub.

Tournament Committee

Championships have started, so watch the noticeboard for entry forms. A schedule of championships dates is on the noticeboard as well as the website under NOTICES. Keep your eyes open as events are moving fast now. As well as being on the club noticeboard, championship draws are being uploaded to the website under EVENTS. A PDF of the diary for the remaining season has also been uploaded to the NOTICES page. New Year's Eve entry sheet is now open. Play starts 2pm Thurs 31/12/20, \$20pp BBQ & sweets. Format TBC.



Ran out of toilet paper and started using lettuce leaves. Today was just the tip of the iceberg, tomorrow romaines to be seen.

This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog—we laughed a lot.

From Coach Henny

I would just like to let every member know that we now need to make up for lost time. We need to get down to the club more often than we ever did, we need to come along to pennant practice on Thursday nights. We need to come down to Sunday Morning Coaching drills, and we need to enter the various club competitions.

Bowls Committee

A big thank you to those members who volunteered to help out with our Covid 19 roll ups. All told we had 35 members who offered their services. Also a big thank you to Jackie McKay who set up and managed the rink bookings.

Congratulations to all those who received their club championship trophies last Saturday. As we know this year's championships are under way, so check the board for those events that are still open.

In relation to the start of pennant, at the time of writing we do not have Bowls Vic latest update regarding travel restrictions and other restrictions that may be lifted. We will try and convey those updates as soon as possible. We will be having an afternoon tea break, the times will be staggered with each rink taking a break if they wish. Due to Covid 19 restrictions we need to have the tea or coffee served to players so there will be no self service at the moment.

If you do not agree with your selection for either Midweek or Weekend pennant, the Player Representative is Bob Milligan. If you wish to meet with the selectors to discuss your selection



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please contact Bob and he will organise the meeting and attend the meeting with you.

It has been decided not to have our Saturday Bistro at the moment due to Covid restraints regarding food handling etc. What we would like, is to have a sausage sizzle after our Saturday pennant games.

What we are seeking are members/member who do not play Saturday pennant to help us out by doing the BBQ. If you can help please contact Neville Roper 0416028315.

Club pennant shirt (ladies and men's) can be ordered through Neil Johnson M 0403 221 070 | Email: maggiesmobile@optusnet.com

With the hotter weather now with us, please don't forget to stay hydrated. The water fountain near the clubhouse is available however no drinking directly from the tap is allowed. It's only to be used to fill your water bottle or drink cup. It's a good idea to bring your own water bottle as some clubs may not provide cups.

From Wally the Garden Guru

It's time to plant your summer vegies including beans capsicum, eggplant, zucchini, melons (yes melons - my brother-in-law is growing water melons in his greenhouse in Wantirna. Tomatoes, cucumber and sweetcorn. Herbs such as rosemary, basil, oregano, thyme and mint. Catch earwigs by stuffing newspaper in a plant pot and leave laying down on side overnight in garden, empty next day and pour hot water on to kill them.

To control snails make beer traps in low containers remove by torchlight at night; make sure you step on

them. But the best method is Basol snail pellets; they are a bit dearer than the rest but much more affective; make sure you remove dead ones the next day or you won't catch any more. Plants that flower and fruit such as tomatoes, eggplant, corn, capsicum etc require extra nutrients for healthy growth; add a bucket or two of aged manure e.g horse or cow, remember don't be a Wally with manure; aged Chook manure should be used more sparingly or use pelletised dynamic lifter. If you are growing veggies in pots add compost to top of pot or combine with potting mix. If you are potting up new veggie plants, top with generous layers of mulch. Citrus are very hungry at this time of year after they have finished flowering and putting on new growth fast, fertilise and mulch well, use pelletised chook poo, keep away from trunk, add thin layer of compost and plenty of mulch. Water in well with seaweed solution and mix in some iron chelate and trace elements powder; this will stop yellowing of leaves any make tree strong and healthy. Tomato plants need side shoots removed, just leave top three shoots to make strong upright plants. Snowpeas need staking and tying up to stop them falling over. Talking about falling over Marj has got me on light beer now when I have a tippie in the garden, she is sick of seeing me face down in the strawberry patch. Next month I will tell you about the Blue Lobelia murderer. Keep well see you soon - Wally.

Barefoot Bowls

With Christmas around the corner, enquiries for BFB are picking up. We have a booking of 120 for 1pm Fri 18/12 including a food truck to be parked in the back carpark behind the shed.

Sunshine Lady

Get well cards have been sent to John Drummond, Neil Johnson, Kay Neagle, Maurie Moss and Aurora Craig

From Membership

We welcome the following new members: Shane King (full member) and Bryn and Emma Dufton (social members).



Snippets

From Rex Menser: Would like to thank the office bearers once again for keeping the club ready to operate as soon as the powers that be gave the all clear, and we could also thank the members who cut the lawns and prepared the surrounds, no thanks to me, unfortunately I was unable to help because of a back problem. And a thank you to Doug Agnew and his staff for keeping the greens prepared and ready to go, wouldn't go astray. When we consider the problems the northern hemisphere is having, we really are the lucky country and the lucky club, so let's make the most of what is left of the bowls season and aim for another couple of pennant flags.