



Who let the dogs out?
We did!

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From the Board

2020 is almost over and the Club has survived the year we all want to forget. However some restrictions will continue well into 2021 and we will keep you updated on the situation. As stated in the Nov Barkers Byte, the Club's finances are improving now that Green Fees and Bar takings are coming in and with a number of functions booked over the Christmas New Year period this will also help. Unfortunately our Shade Grant submission to the State Government was unsuccessful (they had over 1000 submissions) and they advised us to resubmit in the next round in mid 2021. It was good to see two of our Social Members have their wedding ceremony at the Club on Sunday so congratulations to Narelle Day and Toby Davy.

THE 2020/21 year book is almost ready (thank you Mandy Carter) and will be available before the end of the year. So from the Board of Management we hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year as we all look forward to a much different 2021 (dare we say normal?)

TO all members, please note there will be no walk up to play barefoot bowls. Anyone who walks in or rings up is to be asked to contact James and Leigh Agnew to book a game of BFB. Their phone number is on the board next to the phone.

\$1000 Draw will commence January 2021 and will run January, February and March. Existing names and numbers will be entered unless notified to Peter Orger 0408 054977.

Vacant numbers are available. If interested put name and phone number on sheet on notice board at club for entry. Good Luck

Snippets



Poor Beryl. A bowl fell out her bag and ran down the drain from the top carpark. Unfortunately it hadn't appeared further down the pipeline and is yet to be found despite attempts by various members. I wish I'd been there on Monday when Neville Bosley was head first down the drain looking for it, and when pulled out by his shorts, exposed more than he wanted to. Trish says he has a very nice backside anyway. The Mon boys are still looking (down the drain, not at Nev's backside) and have tried various contraptions to try to push anything stuck through, but hope is fading..... Vale Beryl's bowl?

GUESS who looked after the Tue pennant big scoreboard and counted 4 rinks instead of 3?

From Tournament

November/December has been frantically busy due to the delayed start to pennant. Championships starting later than usual had to be fitted into a more compact timeframe than usual. Some championships got a larger entry than last year i.e. Mixed Triples 4 teams last year and 10 this year. When putting championship dates together months in advance, we base the number of rounds required on previous years, and this year we had little room to move if entries were larger than anticipated. This means players may be asked to play two rounds on the same day in some events. You may think we can spread them through the first half of next year, but if you look at the diary, there aren't enough Fridays or Sundays available as those days are already allocated to either championships or Eastern Ranges events. Other than for the first and final rounds, in many events we gave PLAY BY round dates instead of PLAY ON dates to help players to organise times to suit themselves. You can view a PDF of the diary on the website under NOTICES.

THE first final of the 2020-2021 championship season has been run and won. Men's Triples was won by Denis Peters, Ross Kelton, Gary



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Roberts. Runners Up - Carey Rudd, Stuart Harris, Ian MacKay.

WE need more entries for New Year's Eve, Thur 31/12. Bowls start at 3pm followed by a BBQ. \$20pp - single entry, stick draw, fun event. Raffles and prizes.

WE also need more entries URGENTLY for the Mixed Fours to avoid this event being cancelled. Entries close 30/12, play starts 8 Jan. Final 29 Jan.

From the Sunshine Lady

80th birthday cards sent to Mike Plunket and Eric Stevens. Get well to Brian Birthisel who has had a bypass operation. Ken Frazer has gone into care in Lilydale. When we know which one, we will put it on the board. Doug Peck has had his knee op.

From Coach Henny

I would like you to ask all our members if they are making the most of their coach? I would love people to have a new year's resolution to come and talk to me about improving their bowls. Failing that just make a resolution to get to the club and practice with their club mates and those who are trying to take their spots!!!

From Wally the Garden Guru

Hi everyone it's nearly Christmas already. A lot of folk think this year has dragged on what with covid and the like but I think it has flown by. I sowed petunia and antirrhinum seeds in March and planted out in September but what I didn't do was nip out the main stem half way down it would have felt like cutting my Grandson's arm off. I couldn't do it after nursing them all through winter. Trouble is now they are in flower but very leggy, so remember you have to be cruel to be kind, and if you are, you will end up with nice compact plants full of flowers; so bite the bullet and do it. DECORATE your favourite tree with fairy lights it makes a beautiful spectacle throughout Xmas; Marj keeps badgering me to do ours - maybe this week. Great time to plant out your veggies e.g beetroot, carrots, cabbage (sugar loaf is best lovely big heart) and spinach. I love spinach with poached egg on top. Water and mulch pot plants regularly, trim bottom leaves off tomato plants to reduce disease from water splash, trim back fuchsias and fertilise, place sticky traps around veggie beds to trap white fly. In last month's edition I said I would talk about the Blue Lobelia murderer. Two years ago I asked my mate to water my Lobelia seedlings whilst I was in Queensland seeing my grandkids for two weeks. They were no bigger than my thumbnail. On my return I couldn't wait to get down to his place to pick up my three trays of pride and joy, but on viewing every single one was dead. He had just mist sprayed instead of giving a good soaking I will

give specific instructions next time. That's all for now I would like to wish all our members a happy and healthy Xmas and New Year - Wally.



December wedding at the club. Wishing the happy couple best wishes for their future. (Posted with their permission)



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