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From The Board

Hello Members

Now that spring is here there has been a noticeable increase in activity around the Club as members return from their winter break and pennant practice has started. It was great to see such a good attendance at the Thursday pennant practice and information session. So thanks to the Bowls Committee, selectors and our new coach Brendan Woods as we all look forward to a successful season.

The year book is currently at the printers and will be available in early October. Thanks Mandy, as this is always a lot of work to get all the information required and collated ready for printing.

It is pleasing to see that we are still getting new members, both bowlers and social, so if you see a new face at the Club please make them welcome. It is also interesting to note that a number of previous members who left to join other clubs have returned.

After 2 years of COVID stress the Club's financial situation is satisfactory when you consider that we were closed for lengthy periods in 2020 and 2021. The government's grants did really help during that period. The Board has been reviewing our service providers and you will see some new suppliers

(waste collection, electricity suppliers) in the next few weeks who were able to offer us better deals.

Please note that Bar prices will increase from 1st October but will still be cheaper than most other bars and clubs.

Unfortunately, there have been a couple of accidents (not serious) on the greens in the last couple of weeks. So please remember if you know of an accident or an incident to make a note of it in the Accident or Incident Book. The Accident Book is in the front office and the Incident Book is behind the Bar.

We hope to see you at the Club.

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Tournament

The inaugural CHICKEN & CHAMPAGNE OAKS DAY tournament takes place on Thursday 3/11. It replaces Gala Day tournament, and follows the same game format i.e. Mixed Invitation Fours, 2 games of 11 ends starting 10.30am. Prize money \$760. A lovely 2 course lunch and a glass of champagne or soft drink or draught beer included. Cost \$25 ea (\$100 per team). An entry sheet will be in the clubhouse mid-September and invitations will be going out to our neighbouring clubs at the same time. You

can see the flyer on the EVENTS page of the website now.

The first lot of CHAMPIONSHIPS are closing soon i.e. ladies', men's, open minor singles, and the handicap triples and fours. The remaining entry forms for the championships starting in 2023 will be on the noticeboard by early November. Bowls is a game that regardless of how long you've been playing, you can still have a "day out". But you have to be in it to win it!

We have had many bigpond emails bouncing back when sending out bulk emails so apologies for those not getting the emails. We think this is due to Telstra tightening security to stop scammers, however our google bulk emails to members seem to be affected too. We would ask players to always check the PENNANT page of the website for updates prior to your game as this will be our primary contact method. Updates will also be in the clubrooms as per usual. If anyone with a bigpond address prefers us to email to an alternative address, please send it to Jackie on mooroolbarkmembers@gmail.com and she will use that instead.



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Skills Training

Frank Limb scored 17 on the drills session Monday September 12 equalling John Clancy's score.

The score to beat now on the drills is 19, held by myself and Frank Limb.

Great to see so many members attending the Monday night skills session and trying to improve their bowls. Brendan

New Members

The Club welcomes the following new members: Ian Dale, Jeff and Michelle VanHoven, Daniel Truscott, Dean Grimshaw, Frank Limb, John Jenkin, Larry and Sue Lambrou, TJ Renkema and Gary Smith.

Returning to Club: Matt Milligan, Ray Morse, Bill and Adam Terrill.

Bar Staff

Firstly, thank you to all of our bar staff. The work you do is really valued and appreciated!

We are in desperate need of bar staff, preferably someone who is not playing Saturday Pennant to cover the hours from 2-4pm. Please let Steve Price know if you are available on 0418635649.

And of course we are always needing staff, anytime, even one shift a month is helpful.

Barman of the month is Peter Laird who does four shifts a month regularly. One of the quiet achievers! Kind regards Robbie.

Wednesday Social Bowls/Help needed!

Two helpers are required to help run the Social Bowls Day on Wednesdays, approximately once every 4 weeks, arriving at the Club at 10.30. This is a really fun day with prizes for winning teams as well as raffles.

\$1000 Draw

This commences in September 2022 and runs through to March 2023 ie. 7 draws. We will be running with the same numbers as last year. The lucky number will be drawn in the Club rooms on the last Friday of the month. If you do not wish to stay in the competition please let Peter know. WE HAVE A FEW SPARE NUMBERS TO FILL so if you would like a lucky number contact Peter Orger 0408054977.

Uniform Names

If any member wants their name put on their Pennant tops please contact Dennis Botten on 0419 545 512. Cost is \$10.

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Sunshine Lady/Man

Diane Emery has advised the Club that she will be retiring from her role as Sunshine Lady at the end of September. Thank you Diane for undertaking this role. Consequently we are asking if any member is interested in taking on this role from October. For more information on what the role entails please call Diane on 0405 540 572 or Eric Atkinson on 0488 222 706.



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Sunshine Lady

Happy 96th Birthday to Gloria Reade on October 4th. What an achievement!!
Happy 80th Birthday to Bryan Smith

Congratulations

Congratulations to Bob and Margaret Finch on celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 15th.

Our thoughts are with:

Peter and Berneice Stevenson

Ann and Stan Ingram

Bill Terrill

Barrie Browne

Helen Fellows

Speedy recovery to all!

A Sympathy card has been sent to Barry Allman for his wife Ina.

Monday Morning Crew

Things are starting to pick up again with the slight improvement in the weather, mind you it is still a bit BC but at least it does not seem to be raining as much.

The gardens are getting a lot of work involving weeding and rearranging of plants. In a few more weeks it will be looking exceptionally

good. Once again I am asking if you can give a little of your time on Monday mornings, it would be a great help. We only have 2 or 3 people regularly attending and it is becoming a lot of work. If you can come down for just an hour it would be a big help. Just give me a call if you want any more information (0427 700 113).

Wally Barnes and Marg Tull have been busy weeding the lawns, which is a never-ending task, and also looking after a couple of additional garden beds.

I had a chat to Wally last week and he has decided to cut back on the veggie garden and concentrate on being a flower child. He may grow a few tomatoes when the weather warms up. I am sure he will have some good advice for us on what to plant and when.

I have to put in a plug for Marilyn Bull (my better half). Marilyn is not a member of the club but puts in a few hours every Monday helping look after the long garden along the south-east fence and helping where she can with the other gardens, so it would be nice if you see her down at the club to say g'day.

Back on the subject of trying to encourage people to come and help on Monday mornings I had to have a word to Peter Orger last week,

the photo may help explain. With legs like that, people may well be frightened off....



By the way, Mungindi is on the Queensland NSW border, it is where the straight line turns to a wiggly one to the coast. That point is called the "One Ton Post" and is the largest survey peg in the country.

All the Best! Regards Geoff.



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Garden Guru

Hi everyone, it's been a long and wet winter, but Spring is here at last. Hooray! Prepare your garden for Spring planting by improving your soil. Lightly dig it over, popping in plenty of organic matter including top notch compost and well-rotted manure. Don't forget to mulch

the beds with straw mulch. This bed will be awesome come planting time.

Why not try some lovely colour in your patch like nasturtium, snapdragons, phlox, petunia, marigolds (french), and celosia. They are great at attracting pollinators and beneficial insects, to your front and back garden, They look fantastic as well.

Now is the time to plant sun-flower seeds. Find a sunny spot where you would like to see some happy sunflowers later in the year and plant the seeds double the depth of the seed, cover lightly with soil and wait, they'll be popping their heads up in no time.

Check for citrus gall wasp and remove affected sections by pruning well below the gall. Shape and remove dead wood. Don't get overexcited it's too early for tomatoes. Plant after Melbourne Cup Day that's ideal. Your flower and veggie garden should have 6-8cm of mulch on them to stop weeds. Prune natives after flowering, Time to plant passion fruit and make sure to fertilise well.

Vegetables:- Plant broad beans, cabbage, carrots, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, kohirabi, lettuce, parsley, parsnip, pea, potato, radish, silverbeet, spring onion and turnip. That's all for now. Happy gardening and see you on the bowling green. Wally

Friday Morning Grand Final Eve Bowls
Some members dressed in football colours. Our new member John Jenkins won \$50 for being closest to the Jack with Tom McCulloch winning \$20 for 2nd place.
2 Game Winners – Mike/ Willie
1st Game Winners – Gloria/ Glenys
2nd Game Winners - Tom McCulloch/Bill Elliott. Today was sponsored by The Storm Family. A good day was had by all! Don

Problem with Drinks spilling this month!



First it was Marg Tull with juice falling in her handbag. Then Rex decided he would knock coffee over everything at Wednesday Social Bowls!