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From The Board

Hello Members,

The Board and the Bowls Committee held a meeting on the 12th October to discuss and review the various aspects of the Club and how they are operating at this time, these included: policy and procedures, membership, finances, fundraising, grants, volunteers and barefoot bowls. As you will appreciate there was a lot to discuss with many ideas put forward for consideration. To investigate these ideas and to make any changes that are required a couple of sub-committees were established (Membership and Fundraising) and we hope to have some positive outcomes in the near future. If you wish to have more information about the meeting please contact Les Hunter, Neville Roper or Eric Atkinson.

It was also agreed that we would have an end of year break - up after the last pennant game on the 17th December. The Christmas hampers will be drawn at this time.

Thanks to Mandy Carter for getting the Year Book printed and distributed to members, it looks great. If you haven't received one just let Mandy know.

It is pleasing to note that we have had numerous compliments from visiting Bowls Clubs over the last two weeks on how well the

grounds are looking and the excellent condition of the greens, especially when you consider the wet weather we have had. So well done to all our Monday Morning Crew volunteers for their work on the grounds and to Doug Agnew and his team for the greens. You may have also noticed that there is a shelter on green 1 with a sample rain protection covering. If this works out to be satisfactory (and it looks like it will) then the remaining North/South shelters will be done (pennant direction). We don't usually pick out volunteers for special mention (as there are so many) but a special thank you must go to Peter Orger who has spent countless hours at the Club providing us with his specialist skills (metalwork, welding etc). Well done Peter!

See you at the Club

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Message From the Coach

The voting system we will be working to is the same as the Brownlow Medal Voting.

3 Votes for the player you believed was the best in the rink from the other 3 players.

2 Votes for the second-best bowler

And lastly 1 vote for the bowler that was below the other 2 players. This does not mean that a bowler did not bowl well, it simply means the

other bowlers were slightly better. Please use the comments section to clarify. You can write on the back of the card at the halfway mark if that helps you.

However, we do not want to see 2 separate scores. This is a very simple voting system so PLEASE stop making it more difficult than it is. No .5 votes, no 2,2,2 votes.

The bowler with the most votes in each side will be deemed the Greenlow Medal Winner of that side. All voting cards that are not submitted or compliant will not be counted, therefore you will be costing the bowlers in your rink an opportunity to win this converted award.

Fantastic to see so many bowlers in Mooroolbark shirts at the club the past 2 Saturdays with some great results.

The disappointing thing for me is the size of some of the losses we are incurring which makes it impossible for the other rinks to carry. Remember we are a team of 16, individual wins mean nothing without the overall result falling our way. A total scorecard should fall between 35 & 40 shots. More if it's in our favour. Basically, we need to minimise our shots against and attempt to keep them under 3 per end.



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We will be nominating Side Captains this week and each side captain will be working with a member of the Leadership Team. Rick will work with the 2nds, Henny 3s, Steve 4s, Wags 5s, Frank 6s and myself with our seventh side.

I would like to wish all teams all the very best for future rounds and thank you all for the way you have embraced training, especially the work you are doing with the drills. It is great to see many players beating their best scores in the drills. Which shows repetition is helping their bowls.

Kind regards, Brendan

Tournament

At time of writing, we still have room for more teams for OAKS DAY on Thur 3rd Nov. We have one lady with her name on the sheet already so if you're available and wish to play, please check the sheet and put your name(s) down with her, or add on another team. Some emergencies would also be appreciated. Format is 2 bowl mixed fours, 2 games of 11 ends with 2 course chicken & champagne lunch (only 1 lady is required per team). Cost is \$25pp (\$100 per team) and prize money is \$760.

CHAMPIONSHIPS have now started. Congratulations to everyone who got through the 1st round of singles. For the first time in years we used both greens 1 and 2 and we had so many players that we had to split the singles into AM and PM fields. Thanks to everyone who entered, and to all the markers. Thanks also to Rob Mullarvey, Drew Pallot, Dave Stuart, Doug Agnew and anyone else I missed who went above and beyond, setting up the rinks, moving scoreboards, preparing and rolling the greens before we started and much more. There was a great atmosphere in the clubhouse with lots of cheering from the many players who stayed back to watch the end of the later games. Can I ask once again, to please pay your entry fees before the closing date or as early as possible on the closing day. The committee spends much time and energy chasing money when they should be concentrating on their own pennant games. Be warned - we may get to the stage when we won't have time to chase you up, and you won't be in the draw!!

Sunshine Lady/Man

Diane Emery has advised the Club that she will be retiring from her role as Sunshine Lady. 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.

New Members

The Club welcomes the following new members: Nigel Stone, Robert O'Donnell, Glenda Bunting, Diane Milne, Jim and Rosina Johnston.

Please note the following correction in the Handbook. Peter Woods phone number is 0409 009 199.

Geoff Lade, Membership Secretary

Raffle Items Required

If any member has items in their cupboard that are new and not wanted, the Club can use them for the Pink and Blue Raffle (Breast Cancer and Prostrate Cancer) that will be held on 18th November. Any donations of goods can be given to Don McKie on Friday mornings or contact Beryl on 0400 245 483.

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



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winning teams as well as raffles. Please contact Dave Everitt on 9733 4271 or Tony McDonald on 0405 036 856.

\$1000 Draw

Congratulations Marg Tull on being our September winner!

The Draw commenced in September 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 0408 054 977.

Barefoot Bowls

Hello all, I have got some Bare Foot Bowls bookings for December. Please put it out there for me. I can do Sundays for people and a couple of evenings through the Pennant season. I am looking forward to it.

In the last month I also have a new Grand Daughter and one month later a new Grand Son so life is pretty good. Stay safe all. Kind regards Gayle Faulkner.

Monday Morning Crew

It is hard to believe another month has gone by. With the challenging weather the gardens have been well watered and the continual weeding challenge has not been too bad. Lots of tidying up and general mulching and with the slight warming up of the temperature, I think the gardens are looking really good.

It would be greatly appreciated if we could get a bit of help with the grass cutting, as last week Bruce had to do all of the mowing by himself, due to young Vic being unavailable. As I have mentioned in the past, if you could spare half an hour or so, it all helps. Give me a call if you have any questions (Geoff Bull 0427 700 113) or just turn up. The added benefit is a pretty good morning tea.

With the help of Peter Orger, we are trialling poly carbonate roofing on one of the shelters at the north end of the first green. If this works well and does not cast any detrimental shadows on the first rink (approval), we will do the remaining 7 on the north and south ends of the first green. This could take a bit of time as there is quite a lot of work in making and fitting the required frames for the roofing.

Finally, if anyone sees something that requires attention, please let me know. For example, just recently, the sensor light over the teams'

wall and bowling list table was not working. I have had a request to put reflective tape on the exit gate. Even if it is just a little thing, let me know. Regards Geoff

Garden Guru

Hi everyone, citrus is a must for every garden, arriving in Australia with the First Fleet, where they settled into almost every back yard in suburban Australia, to say nothing of our huge commercial plantings. Brilliant green, glossy foliage can be enjoyed all the year round, the pristine white flowers are not only beautiful, but fragrant and the fruit hang like glowing lanterns from the branches. How can any garden be without this treat. My personal favourite is the Meyer which is like a cross between an orange and a lemon. Most citrus can cope with a mild frost, with the best types for Melbourne gardens being lemon, kumquats, mandarin and oranges plus the cold hardy Rangpur lime. However cold will enhance the beautiful red pigments in blood oranges. Dahlia tubers can be planted now. 'Moor Place' is an exquisite dark burgundy button pom pom dahlia that produces a mass of glorious blooms all season. Dark balls emerge from almost black buds. Pick when almost fully open to enjoy in a vase indoors. Also 'Neon Rose' has



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dark foliage and pink flowers. Now that daffodils have finished flowering, bend the leaves over on two or three of the plants and tie with string. Resist the urge to cut them off as this will feed the bulbs for next year's display. Liquid fertilise your gardenias to revive them after winter slumber. Check roses for black spot and spray if required. Veggie patch:- Plant flowers such as french marigolds, nasturtium and calendula to encourage bees to aid pollination. That's all for now see you on the bowling green! Wally

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