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From The Board

Hello Members and Happy New Year.

We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable break and now that COVID (whilst still around) is not affecting the operations of the Club in a major way, that 2023 is a better one than 2022 for the Club.

It's good to see bowls, both pennant and social, happening again and the grounds are looking great thanks to the Monday Morning Crew and the greenkeepers.

Storm Damage -We have received the storm damage settlement from our insurance company which will go towards either replacing or repairing the synthetic green. But as this is only a fraction of the replacement costs we will be continuing our discussions with Yarra Ranges Council to see if we can recoup any further monies. We anticipate this will be a lengthy process and may involve our solicitors.

We are pleased to announce that Graham McGrath has accepted the position as an Appointed Director and will replace Lynn Cameron on the Board. The Board will continue to canvas female members to see if there are any with appropriate skills who would be interested in joining the Board of Directors.

We are also pleased to announce that we (Mooroolbark Bowls Club) have signed up with United Petroleum for their fuel discount program for community clubs (4 cents per litre off –2 cents to the member and 2 cents to the Club). See separate email for details of how to sign up.

Hope to see you at the Club.

Board of Management –January 2023

Tournament

There has been an increase in players not turning up to events, causing a lot of stress for organisers. For club tournaments we're now asking that you pre-pay events when you put your name on the sheet. Labelled envelopes are at the podium and will be next to the entry sheet for you to use. (Note: You cannot EFT a tournament payment at the bar as bar payments go to a separate account). Prepayment doesn't apply to social Wed/Fri games, however habitual no-shows may be spoken to. We're sorry to ask this of our players, most of whom do the right thing. **It is your responsibility to put the date in your diary and turn up on the day.**

The entry sheet is now up for the Mooroolbark Classic on Labour Day Mon 13/3. A \$25 deposit is required to hold your spot. \$2500

prize money. 2B triples with lunch/afternoon tea included. \$84 per team. Full details are on the flyers at the club.

It's nice to see so many new members. To make it easier for them to get to know you, and for us to get to know them, can you please wear your name badges for social games. If you've lost your badge or don't have one, call AKT Trophies in Croydon, 9725 4339. They have our logo on file.

Only a few championships left for you to enter. Mixed Pairs closes 24/1. Open Presidents HCap closes 31/1. More entries appreciated.

Corporate Challenge is Back

We would really appreciate rink attendants to help out. There is a sheet near the front door of the Club. The dates are: Feb 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th at 6.15. Contact Rob Telling 0418858848.

\$1000 Draw

Congratulations to Bob Richardson for being the December winner (No 20). Remember to get your money in early before the last Friday in January.



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Sunshine Lady

80th Birthday cards sent to Brian Birthisel, Beryl Turner, Colin Huggins and Jim Michael
90th Birthday card sent to Alby Ballard
Get Well card to Neil Johnston
Sympathy card sent to family of Hugh McCulloch (Thanks to Marg Tully for contact information)
Sympathy card to Judy Morse
Sympathy card to Rod Dobell
A Wake will be held at the Club on Thursday Feb 2nd for Maureen Dobell at approx. 2.00 pm.

New Year's Eve

Special Thanks to Glennis Brown, Judy Baker and Di Johnson who worked extremely hard in the kitchen. Also, to Peter Orger for cooking the meat and Stormy for cooking the chips. Another member who worked tirelessly was Rob Telling in the Bar. Mary Warr, Neil Johnson and Joe Belli helped after finishing bowls.

Barefoot Bowls

Our heat is here and I am loving it. I would just like to say the last week before Christmas Day was so good with Barefoot Bowls. There were a lot of very happy people who played. I have

even been lucky enough to talk to some of those people and I do believe we are going to see some new faces signed up.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all my helpers who have assisted me with my Barefoot Bowls' groups. You all know who you are.

Also, I would like to thank the Members who have checked in with me to see if I am okay and also bring me extra refreshments as I have needed them. You know who you are. I appreciate each and every one of you.

Kind regards. Gayle Faulkner. 😊

Monday Morning Crew

Now that the weather is warming up (every now and then) it is getting quite a busy time with the gardens and the grass most certainly needing attention. In the past couple of weeks we have spread 5 trailer loads of mulch around the gardens and we still need a couple more to complete the job.

As usual, when things are needed most is when they fail and we currently have a couple of issues with the desalination system, so the greens are presently being watered using the mains supply instead of the bore. We will hopefully have the system up and running by the end of January. You also may have noticed

the little succulent garden around the gas meter at the northern end of the club house has gone. It was getting a little out of control, I believe the ladies have some ideas in mind to replant and visually tie it in with the surrounding gardens, so we will just have to wait and see.

A big thank you to Alan Dufton for donating a new water pressure pump to the club, very good timing as the pump on the tank behind the equipment/green keeper's shed has recently seized a bearing requiring repair or replacement.

Also, a thank you to Dave Arnott for providing an (as new) wheelbarrow to replace the one that has a broken tub.

On a less happier note, it is a bit disappointing to find several of the hand held hose sprinklers seem to have been borrowed, which makes it a bit of a pest when needing to water the different gardens. If you really need a hand held sprinkler please let me know and I will buy you one, they are not that expensive.

Finally on a happier note

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BERYL! You are there every Monday, always happy and always helpful!

Don't forget if you see anything that needs replacement or repair please let me know.

Regards Geoff 0427 700 113



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Garden Guru

Hi everyone! A new year is with us and the weather is terrific! Still time to sow summer beans, beetroot, corn, eggplant, radish, carrots, parsnips and other root crops, cherry tomatoes and mini capsicums. Also winter brassicas, with a little extra watering and shade. Lettuce too, can be planted until the tail end of January but may benefit from protection under shade cloth. Planting now means you will have more crops to harvest through Autumn and Winter. In the flower garden, there is still time to sow Californian poppy, gypsophila, everlasting daisy, pansy, primula stock and sweet pea. Dead head annuals and fertilise fortnightly. Nerines and crocus can be planted now for an Autumn display. Cut back climbers after flowering, as well as hydrangeas. Dead head roses and water frequently, feed tomatoes with tomato specific fertilizer and water regularly. Enjoy the sunshine and I will see you on the bowling green! Wally

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Quotes from David Scott related to Age

"To get back to my youth I would do anything in the world, except exercise, get up early, or be respectable." - Oscar Wilde

"The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for." - Will Rogers

"We must recognize that, as we grow older, we become like old cars – more and more repairs and replacements are necessary." - C.S. Lewis

"Old age comes at a bad time." – San Banducci. “

"Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened." - Jennifer Yane

"Old age is like a plane flying through a storm. Once you are aboard there is nothing you can do about it." - Golda Meir

"I'm so old that my blood type is discontinued." - Bill Dane

"The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened." - Mark Twain