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From The Board

Hello Members

It's good to see lots of members at the Club either playing bowls (social or pennant) or just catching up with friends and enjoying a drink. Having a number of teams in the pennant finals has created a real buzz so congratulations to all and good luck – GO BARKERS.

It's also good to see the Corporate Challenge (CC) is back after the break due to COVID. A big thank you goes to CC Team as it takes a huge amount of work to organise and run these events. Refer to Rob Telling's report for details.

Storm Damage - As mentioned in the January edition of Barkers Byte we have met with our solicitors to discuss the best way to approach Yarra Ranges Council to see if we can recoup any money from them for the replacement or repairs to the synthetic green, as we believe it was their inadequate storm water drainage system that contributed significantly to the damage. We are also applying for a number of small grants that are available for storm related damage.

You may have noticed that the Mooroolbark Football Club has a new sign at the front of the Club and we look forward to strengthening our relationship with them.

This year's AGMs (Bowls & Club) will be held on Sunday 21st May at 10.00am, so please make a note in your diaries.

Please note that the United Fuel Card (refer January BB) can be used at the ASTRON petrol station opposite Dorset Gardens Hotel.

Finally, just a reminder to members that whenever possible try to support our valuable sponsors and make sure that you mention that you are from Mooroolbark Bowls Club.

See you at the Club!

Board of Management February 2023

Saturday Pennant – End of Season Report

What great results across all Divisions for Saturday Pennant this season.

At the end of the home and away season, the Club achieved the following results:

No 1 Side 1st, No 2 Side 6th, No 3 Side 4th, No 4 Side 1st, No 5 Side 1st, No 6 Side 5th and No 7 Side 6th.

In an Elimination final on 18th Feb the No 3 Side played against Blackburn 2 but unfortunately lost by 2 shots.

No 1 Side played last Sat 25th Feb in the Sectional final but unfortunately lost 69-76 against Heathmont 2 at Ringwood.

No 4 & No 5 Sides won the Grand Final on Sat 25th Feb gaining promotion to a higher

Division next season. Big congratulations to both Sides.

No 4 Side won the Sectional final on Sun 26th Feb and is now playing off for a place in the Divisional final on Sat 4th March.

A magnificent performance by the No 4 Side. No 5 Side lost the 1st round Divisional final to Aberfeldie 59-82 on Sun Feb 26th at MCC. No 4 Side is playing a semi- final of the Division against Churchill/Waverley Golf on Saturday March 4th at a venue TBA.

If they win this game they will play a Metro Divisional final on Sunday 5th March (venue and details to be provided separately)

Thanks to all players for the effort they put in this season and a special thanks to those players who don't normally play Saturdays (they know who they are) for helping us out when we were short of players during the season. This was very much appreciated, we would like to name them all but there are too many to list. THANK YOU.

Also, a big thanks to our coach Brendan Woods for the effort, support and leadership he provided the Club and players this season.

All looks good for a potential big year next season so get prepared to be part of it!!!!!!!

Regards - Saturday Match Committee



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Tournament

We still have room for a few more teams for the Mooroolbark Classic on 13th March. We would like a few emergencies on standby in case of last minute illness etc, so if you can help, please put your name on the sheet at the club under "Emergencies". Free lunch if called in on the day.

THE 100 Up has been run and won. New champs are Dave Stuart and Jackie MacKay (for 3rd year running). Final of Men's & Ladies' Pairs is 10am Sun 12/3. Mixed Pairs semi and finals has been moved back to 16/3 with the final on 23/3. This is to allow the players involved in Sat/Tue pennant finals to fully focus on their practice sessions.

CALADENIA DAY on 29/4 is a Tier 4 ranking event, and we have 9 visiting teams entered to date. An entry sheet for members will be in the clubhouse shortly.

JACKPOT PAIRS will be starting on Fri 17/3 and will run each week in the off season. Pot increases by \$25/week. Thanks to Mooroolbark Medical Centre for sponsoring. Organiser is Don McKie. No change to time or format. Sponsorship of the monthly Wed 2-4-2 has now finished.

Good bowling to all pennant finalists. GO BARKERS! Jackie

Congratulations to Henny Cortenbach

Henny has recently won our Region's Over 60 Men's Singles Championship event from a large field of 56 entries. What a great win!

He will now be representing our Club and the Eastern Ranges Bowls Region at the Victorian State Championships at Bendigo in mid - March.

All at Mooroolbark Club wish Henny good luck and good bowling!

Catering Call For Help Our outstanding Catering Manager Allan Dans will be away on a well-deserved break on Caladenia Day 29th April and we require someone to volunteer to supervise food preparation and cooking on the day. If you are able to step into this role, Allan is happy to brief and train you over the next few weeks concerning the running of the kitchen. A great opportunity to see the kitchen in action is Monday 13th March for the Mooroolbark Classic. For further information contact Allan on 0437 868 446

Sunshine Lady Ian Dale has expressed his appreciation for the Get Well card sent by the Club. Get Well Cards have been sent to: Eddie Scott, Alby Ballard, Trevor Gardoll, Gloria

Reade, Tony McDonald, TJ Renkema and Jim Hampton. Phyllis Scott 80th Birthday card.

New Members

The following members are new to the Club and we welcome them:

Tony Veitch, Brad Kim, Ron and Kathy Ryff, Laurence and Jen Carter. Geoff

\$1000 Draw

Congratulations to Rob Telling for winning the January Draw (No 44) and Alan Dufton for winning the February Draw. Please ensure you get your money in early for the March draw on the last Friday of the month.

Social Bowls Saturday

Social Bowls will be continuing as usual on Wednesdays, as well as on Saturdays from March 11th. Start of play at 12 o'clock. Arrive no later than 11.45. Rex

Corporate Challenge

We've just completed our Corporate Bowls Competition after a hiatus of a couple of years. Everyone who participated enjoyed getting back and playing. There was a great atmosphere and a good time was had by all. Thanks to John Drummond for his help and



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advice. Also, a very big thank you to all the volunteers who helped each night and made a commitment to assist over the 4 weeks. Thank You to the bar staff for being available and working harder than usual. Rob

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Garden Guru

Hi everyone can you believe Summer is nearly over. Brassicas are the hero crops of the Autumn vegie garden. They are easy to grow and highly rewarding, offering higher nutritional value when picked fresh from the garden. A large Genus of vegies, most widely known for staple crops, including, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, kale and brussel sprouts. Other varieties of brassica include turnip, swede, kohlrabi and several Asian greens, such as, mizuna, mustard tatsoi, pak choy, yukina and Tokyo Bekana. All are packed with nutrients and can add variety to your meals.

Broccoli De Cicco is an Italian heirloom with short thick stems and a compact head of pale/green. Harvest the central head first to promote vigorous side shoots for up to six months.

Mini cauliflower – harvest in ninety days for compact pure white heads.

Brussel Sprout Long Island is the oldest sprout in cultivation today. This heirloom was introduced in the late 19th century, and was the sprout to grow, before F1 hybrids took over.

Bulbs – start planting Daffodils, Amaryllis and Crinum at the end of the month.

Prune fruit trees now and lightly prune roses. Fertilise to encourage Autumn blooming.



Congratulations to Alan Dufton for 700 Games!



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That's all for now. See you on the bowling green! Wally

THANK YOU

Dear Members,

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of you for making us feel so welcome. We have been truly privileged to be a part of this community and to have the opportunity to support your club in any way we can. We really enjoy coming down and supporting the club and selling your raffle tickets.

As a local real estate agency, we are dedicated to serving our community in every way possible. We understand that many of you may have questions about the state of the market or may be interested in getting an appraisal of your homes. We want to assure you that we are always available to help you with any information or advice you may need.

In addition, we would like to offer a special VIP discount to all members of the club. If you contact Regina and Patrick, you will be entitled to this discount, as well as a \$600 referral to the club. This is just one small way that we can show our appreciation for your support.

We are proud to announce that, thanks to your support, we have already paid \$19,600 in referral payments and donations to the annual Caladenia Day. This is a wonderful achievement, and we are so grateful for the opportunity to contribute to such a worthy cause. This is a wonderful achievement, and we are so grateful for the opportunity to contribute to such a worthy cause.

Once again, we would like to thank all of you for your support and for making us feel like a part of your community. We look forward to continuing to work together to support your club and to make our community a better place for all.

Sincerely,

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Patrick Donker 0432 045 346





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Monday Morning Crew

Another busy month around the Club. I am sure you have noticed how great the grounds and gardens are looking! There has been a lot of weeding, mowing, mulching and watering by the intrepid gardeners who come along every week to help. Once again, my thanks to all of you.

We have also had a welcome addition to the gardening group, with Jan Carter, who has offered to come once a fortnight. I was a bit worried at first, when Jan did not show up on the second week, as I thought Wally's weekly joke may have frightened her off. It was a relief to find out this was not the case.

We have also started cleaning up the small area between the container and the back/oval fence as Wally wants to plant a garden bed there. It is not a huge area but is full of weeds and gravel. If anyone is able to lend a hand for an hour or soon Monday mornings to get this area ready, it would be greatly appreciated. Give me a call 0427 700 113 or just turn up.

I would like to thank Colin Huggins who provided several hand-held hose sprays to replace the missing ones, as well as several other bits and pieces to keep our hoses working and not constantly dripping. Thanks Colin!

There have also been the usual maintenance

activities going on, such as the light in the Ladies' powder room has not been working, which caused a lot of consternation, as the ladies were having difficulty putting on their lippy! There was also a burst hot water pipe in the Men's wash basin/locker area which caused a bit of frantic activity when apart from the flooding, the smoke alarm was set off by the steam

There is always something to attend to and keeps us on our toes. That's about it from me. See you around the Club. Regards Geoff



Great job Mandy!