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From the Board

Hello Members

Here we are again at the end of another year when hopefully we can all enjoy the break (especially all our volunteers) and re-charge for next year.

For those of you who have not completed the 'In Case of Emergency' (ICE) form, could you please do so. The importance of this was demonstrated recently when one of our bowlers was taken ill whilst bowling and it was very difficult to contact their emergency contact. Special envelopes will soon be available to keep the ICE details in. These must be kept in your bowl's bag (make sure your name is on the bag).

Cash for Cans. Please note that members can bring their recyclable (10c symbol) cans and bottles to the Club and place them in the dedicated bins behind the Clubhouse. This will generate additional revenue for the Club.

It was sad to say good-bye to two long term Members. Brian Birthisel and Michael Sullivan who both passed away in December. Many Members attended the funerals and the refreshments at the Club afterwards to have a drink and a chat to remember Brian and Mickey.

It has been brought to our attention by Richard Doherty (thanks Richard) that we need to upgrade our I.T. security. This will be followed up asap by the Board, other Club I.T. users and Richard.

On Sunday 3rd December, the Club held a very successful music (singing, dancing and drinking) afternoon. Well done to Gayle Faulkner and Drew Pallot for organising this. We look forward to a similar afternoon in January (see the flyer/advert).

We also look forward to the New Year's Eve bowls and dinner. This has become a great way for members to see out the old and welcome the new (some of us struggle to keep going till midnight), so hope to see you there.

So, from the Board of Management, we hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year and see you at the Club in 2024.

Board of Management –December 2023

Saturday Pennant

Please note Bowls Victoria has made an amendment to the fixture for the No 7 Side.

Round 12 (3/2/23) was initially a BYE, this has now been changed and Mooroolbark 7 is now playing Ringwood 4 at HOME.

Please update your Club handbooks to reflect this change, the fixture on the main board at the Club has been updated.

Merry Christmas – from Bowls Committee

Tournament

The following championships have now been run and won. Men's Singles - Steve Rawlingson, RU Frank Limb. Ladies Singles - Mandy Carter, RU Jackie MacKay. Open Minor Singles Carey Rudd. RU TJ Renkema. Open HC Triples - David Scott, Helen Scott, Dave Arnott. RU Frank Limb, John Baker, Michael Firth. Men's Pairs - Dave Hillard/Doug Peck. RU Frank Limb/Peter Rawlingson. Ladies' Pairs - Jackie MacKay/Kay Neagle. RU Lyn Cameron/Sue Lambrou. Thanks to everyone who entered. Without entries, we won't have championships, so please consider putting your names down - if nothing else, the experience is invaluable and you never know - you might just win!!

Entry sheets are on the board now for Men's & Ladies' 100Up (closes 13/1) Open HC Fours (closes 23/1), and Mixed Pairs (closes 2/4)

NYE is just around the corner so come and join with your bowls' mates for some fun bowls and lovely dinner afterwards. Entry sheet is on



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the wall, but remember, we may limit numbers to just 40 players as we only have part of G3 available. This is a fundraiser for Upwey Tecoma Bowls Club who were scammed recently out of \$118,000!! The board has kindly agreed to match what we raise dollar for dollar. Single entry, 2 games of 9 ends from 4pm. \$25pp or \$15 dinner only. Please put your name on the entry sheet. Entries will close around Xmas for catering numbers. All info is on the flyer on the noticeboard.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and healthy 2024. Jackie.

New Members

Ian Rayson, Nikki Bates, Patrick Bates
John Ogilvie, Rachel Walker,
Melanie TeAo-Simpson, Jean Rundell,
Michael Foster, Wayne Judge,
Paul Molden, Roger Peake
Russell Wilkinson

\$1000 Draw

To be drawn on Friday December 29th.
The January draw is Friday 26th with money due in by 24th.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Sunshine Lady

Cards were sent to:

The Birthisel Family (Brian) – Sympathy
The Sullivan Family (Mick) – Sympathy

Barefoot Bowls

Hello All,

Well, we are almost finished for the year. Barefoot Bowls has gone a lot better this year and so far, I have not had to cancel any events due to bad weather.

All groups I have hosted have been very happy with everything and have mentioned that they will be back to do another event with me.

Another very important thing I need to say is a massive thank you to my helpers. You are amazing and I very much appreciate your time and help.

I will take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe and let's make 2024 even better than 2023. Cheers Gayle Faulkner 😊

Friday Members Night This will recommence on Friday 19th January 2024. The Club will be open Friday 29th December 2023 and the 5th & 12th January 2024 for social drinks etc as usual.

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2024 Corporate Challenge
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When	To be played on Wednesday Evenings – February 7 th 14 th 21 st and 28 th 2024
Dress Code	Neat Casual attire. BUT PLAYERS MUST WEAR FLAT SHOES (NO TREADS OR PATTERNS ON SOLES OF SHOES)
Competition	Random Team Draw- 2 sections x maximum of 12 Teams each section 3 Players each Team. Section winners to play off winner and runner up, decided on points and shots up. Two-Bowl Triples (Lead, second& skip) Only Bowl supplied by club to be used. Feb 7 th , 14 th , 21 st – 2 games of 6 Ends Feb 28 th 1 Game of 6 ends to be followed by 3 end play-off to decide winner or runner up
Club organisers	Reserve the right to Alter the Draw or Conditions of Play if Necessary
Time	ARRIVE BY 6PM 1 END ROLL UP TO COMMENCE AT 6.15PM
Where	MOOROOLBARK BOWLS CLUB 170 HULL RD. MOOROOLBARK 3138
Entry	\$60 PER TEAM (COVERS 4 NIGHTS) Closing Dates 27/01/24.
Refreshments	Sausage Sizzle each night, FINAL NIGHT Finger food and Presentation. Drinks Available at Bar Prices
Enquiries	ROBERT TELLING MOBILE: 0418 858 848
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Team Name: _____ Contact Name: _____
Contact Address: _____ Contact Ph No: _____
Player's Names: _____

PLEASE NOTE ENTRIES CLOSE 27/01/24 OR WHEN FILLED

Corporate Challenge

I'd appreciate rink attendants to help. Members can put a team in so long as they haven't played Pennant.

Kind Regards Robbie



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Monday Morning Crew

Well, last one for the year and I really want to say a huge thankyou to all the Monday Morning people who have contributed throughout the year. I am up at the Gold Coast visiting relatives at the moment and all I will say is don't complain about the weather in Melbourne. Anyway, back to the task at hand, as you may have noticed progress is being made on putting up the shade cloth between the shelters around Green 1. Ray Morse and Dave Arnott are doing a great job organising the required bits and pieces and an even better job organising the helpers (not sure which is the more difficult??). We ran into a bit of difficulty ordering the polycarbonate with one delivery having to be returned, so hopefully it will be sorted before Christmas.

With the break in Pennant, I am hoping we can arrange a few days with extra helpers to get the roofing and shade cloth completed. Even if it is just to help handle the polycarbonate sheeting, which is very light or sorting out the nuts and bolts and roofing screws, every bit helps so please let me know if you can do something. I hope everyone has a great Christmas and Santa is kind to you. Geoff



Looking good Peter and Rob!

January Club Event

Crash The Party
One of Melbourne's favourite Covers Bands ...
playing decades of Toe-tappin', Hand-clappin',
Rock and Popular Classics

The Party's at...
Mooroolbark Lawn Bowls Club, 170 Hull Road, Mooroolbark.
2pm - 5pm, Sunday 14 January 2024.
Bookings ESSENTIAL through Gayle on 0415 554 016 or
gaulefaulkner313@gmail.com.
Chips and peanuts available to purchase over the bar.
\$10 per person payable at the door on arrival.



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Garden Guru

Hi everyone, a healthy soil packed with nutrients is a basic requirement for plants to thrive, unfortunately not all gardens are blessed with natural fertile soil. Growing a green manure or adding a layer of compost or aged animal manure will probably be all you need, but if your plants are showing signs of deficiencies such as poor growth, discoloured leaves, leaf drop or low yields it's certainly worth trying a fertiliser.

Nitrogen:-stimulates foliage growth on leafy greens. Potassium:-promotes flower formation essential for crops like tomatoes and peppers. Phosphorus :-is good for all round plant growth and vigour, good for root vegetables, but harmful to Australian natives, if used excessively. Add fertiliser to your soil at start of growing season. For flowering bulbs fertilize once the flower has faded but greenery remains it will help the bulbs replenish their nutrients for next year. That's all for now, have a merry and safe Christmas, I'll see you on the bowling green Wally.

OLLIE ELECTRICAL

Darren (Ollie) Birthisel has been in the Electrical industry for over 4 years.

He puts great importance on getting the right materials on time to satisfy his customers' needs, with enthusiasm, punctuality, cleanliness and professionalism and always providing a great result.

Darren and his family have been supporting the Mooroolbark Bowls Club for many, many years and with Dad (Brian Birthisel) as a valued foundation member and deservedly awarded Life-time Membership. We are privileged to have a great relationship with this amazing family.

Thank you Darren for providing 'RINK OF THE WEEK' every Saturday to outstanding bowlers during Pennant season.

Support our sponsors who have been there for us every step of the way.

Brian Birthisel 1943 - 2023 Memories Always

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Andrew Hosking

It was such a successful day at the very first entertainment event on the 3rd December. A massive thanks goes out to all patrons who attended and left very happy with great reviews. I have attached some photos of the day with everyone having an enjoyable afternoon. I cannot forget our bar staff, thank you so much for your hard work.

Kindest regards Gayle Faulkner 😊

