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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) being played on a Wednesday evening during February. A good atmosphere and lots of fun and so good for our Club. A big thank you goes to Rob Telling and all the CC Team as it takes a huge amount of work to organise and run these events.

On a sad note, we said good-bye to one of our Foundation Members Graham Storm (Stormy to almost everyone) who passed away in mid-February. Graham did not want a funeral, but we did have a Wake at the Club on Friday 16th February which was a chance to tell most (some we can't print) of the Stormy stories. Our condolences go to Ashley and family.

As you will know, we have a large number of volunteers at the Club and the Club could not run without them. Some of them will be known to most of you (bar staff for example) but there are a myriad of others who work diligently behind the scenes (such as looking after the

gardens) who you may not be aware of. We always need more so if you can help in any area that will be greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, from time to time they do get abused (particularly the Bar staff) so please be kind to them and if you do have a legitimate issue please speak to the person in charge of that area.

We are currently looking at improving the security of our I.T. System and a working group has been established to manage this. This may involve getting an outside expert to oversee this. For more information, please see Les Hunter.

There are a number of new members at the Club, both new bowlers and social members, so if you see a new face please say hello and make them welcome.

Take Care and see you at the Club.

Board of Management–February 2024

Saturday (Weekend) Pennant

Overall, the Club had a reasonably successful season, with two Sides No1 & No2 finishing in the top four and playing finals.

Listed are the final ladder positions for all Sides.

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| No1 | 1st |
| No2 | 3rd |

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| No 3 | 5th |
| No 4 | 5th (missed making 4 th by 4 points) |
| No 5 | 6th |
| No 6 | 5th (missed making 4 th by 5 points) |
| No 7 | 7th |

Thanks to all players who participated during the season, especially those players who normally don't play Saturdays but helped out at short notice due to late pull outs. It was extremely difficult some weeks to ensure all sides had a full complement of players during the season as on many occasions more than 20 players were unavailable.

The Saturday Match Committee would like to apologise to all players who played in the No5 Side in the last round (Round 14) of the season. Unfortunately, due to an oversight we selected more than 2 players who had played more than 4 games at a higher level in the season, because of this error Bowls Victoria declared a forfeit for this game awarding 0 points for the game. Every effort is made to ensure this will not happen in the future.

Thanks to your ongoing support and understanding throughout the season.
Saturday Pennant Match Committee



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Tuesday Pennant

Thanks to all the players this season.
John Kearney

Tournament

Congratulations to our new 2B Handicap Fours champions: Jim Bullock (S), Steve Lawson (3rd), Rob Telling (2nd), Gary Lee (L). Runners Up TJ Renkema (S), Don Mackie (3rd), John Baker (2nd), Geoff Lade (L). Photos on the website Gallery page and on Facebook. The only championship still open for entries is the Mixed Pairs, closing 2/4.

Mooroolbark Classic tournament is now closed although we always appreciate single/teams for emergencies in case of cancellations. Caladenia Day on 27/4 is now open and filling fast. This is a Tier 4 ranking event, so should attract some elite players from other clubs.

Good luck to those still in finals - GO BARKERS!!

Bare Foot Bowls A reminder to Members: All inquiries regarding Bare Foot Bowls should be directed to Gayle Faulkner on 0415 554 016

New Members

Frank Mosca
Joe Moro
Michelle Thomas
Bruce Bailey
Kristene Bailey
Robert Ewart
Kathy Ewart

Sunshine Lady

Cards were sent to:
Ashley Storm (Graham) – Sympathy
Guenther Ebenwaldner– Get Well

\$1000 Draw

The winner of February's draw was Joan Williamson No 29. Please get your money in as soon as possible for the March draw on the last Friday of the month. This is the last one for the season, restarting in September. You can pay ahead instead of monthly by paying \$140 for 7 months as Bob Richardson regularly has to chase up people for money each month.

Recycling

Continue to drop your cans and bottles in the bin at the back of the Club. 10 cents refund on each item certainly mounts up for the Club.

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**Congratulations to Peter
Rawlingson and Colin Huggins
Achieving 700 games in Weekend
Pennant!**

Garden Guru - Wally

February is the perfect time to plant for the cooler months ahead. As well as veggies, try seed garlic and include some vibrant flower seeds and bulbs. The last official month of Summer usually signifies a change of focus with Autumn crops replacing summer cropping plants as they finish fruiting. The unusual weather patterns of this Summer have gardeners guessing, but with well-prepared soils, mulch and vigilance against weeds and pests, we can still reap a ripping harvest. Start Autumn crops in punnets mid-month for planting out in March. Include 'cut and come again' herbs and leafy greens and get those carrots in now so they will be crisp and tender towards the end of Autumn. Supplementary watering remains critical during dry spells and pest management is essential. Spray azaleas if lace bug (rusty brown colouring underneath and silver on top) is present. Watch out for powdery mildew on zucchinis, pumpkin and cucumbers and if present, spray with a lime sulphur product. Plant alyssum, carnation, cineraria, cyclamen, delphinium, hollyhock, larkspur, lobelia, nemesia, pansy, petunia, snapdragon, sweet pea and verbena.



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Entertainment Function

Hello Members,

Another successful day for our Entertainment function on Sunday 18th February. Everyone looked to be having a good time.

Back by popular demand we will be having the Andrew Hosking Duo at our March function. I already have bookings so please call me to hold your seat.

Thank you to all who support this function, I greatly appreciate it as it is helping our club.

Cheers Kind Regards

Gayle Faulkner 😊 0415 554 016⁸





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Last season while away for winter i contacted the blind factory to look at my windows in my new home. Sue came to see me measured up gave me a very competitive price and had all windows fitted upon my return. It was so nice to walk into a completely new look with sheer curtains from the ceiling and block out blinds.

I highly recommend their customer service.

Mary Warr

Note from the Editor

As the Pennant season comes to an end, I thank all those members who have contributed items to the Barkers Byte. Congratulations to all Monday and Tuesday Pennant sides who have competed in weekly and Finals series! Julie