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From The Board

Hello Members

As most of you are aware we are having (had) a “Members Information Night” on November 28th in the Club rooms at 6:30pm. Hopefully you will find it interesting and informative. Any questions that can’t be answered on the night will be followed up as quickly as possible. We also look forward to getting your feedback which can be sent or given to either Les Hunter, Dennis Botten, Eric Atkinson or Rob Telling.

November was a busy time for our bowls organisers as we had two successful events:

- **Oaks Day Tournament-** a great day with full greens. It was sponsored by St John’s Rise Retirement Village, and we were pleased to have Caron & Robyn (two of their senior managers) there to present the prizes. Congratulations to the winners, especially first prize which was won by Mooroolbark Bowls Club bowlers. Well done to David & Helen Scott and team for running the day, Beryl Turner for the room decorations, the kitchen staff for a delicious lunch and bar staff for keeping us hydrated.
- **Pink & Blue Day** was held on Friday 22nd November. The day was very successful despite the hot and humid conditions. Proceeds went to Breast Cancer & Prostate Cancer research. Well done to Don McKie for running the day and Beryl Turner for the room decoration and raffles.

We also had a wonderful November Sunday Dance afternoon with over 140 enjoying the music, dancing and good company. A presentation of flowers was made to Gayle Faulkner (see photo) from Mooroolbark Bowls Club for all her hard work over the last twelve

months in organising these afternoons. Thankyous also went to all the other helpers.

Our End of Year breakup will be on the 14th December after Pennant bowls when we will draw the winning raffle prizes for the magnificent Christmas Hampers currently on display at the Club. So please ensure that you buy lots of tickets. Many thanks go to Mandy Carter and her helpers for once again preparing them.

So please take care and see you at the Club.

Board of Management –November 2024



Congratulations on 600 Games Pat!



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Tournament Committee

At the time of writing this, I am in need of four more markers for the Open Minors Singles. Hopefully I will be able to finalize this situation. The Handicap Triples event is completed, with Michael Firth, Doug Peck and Colin Musgrove being successful over Peter Brown, Peter Woods and Bob Milligan with the game being decided on the last end. The President's Handicap is drawing to its close, the Open Singles Men's and Ladies' is well underway, and the Men's and Ladies' pairs are well underway. It has been a busy time with most events being well supported.

Oaks day was a great success with 20 teams entered (the same number as last year), St John's Rise was the sole sponsor for the event with Blooms on Brice sponsoring our raffle on the day. Thank you to all who entered and a big thank you to my Tournament Committee.

Our next major event will be our Mooroolbark Classic, keep an eye out for the flyer on the other side of Christmas. We are hoping for another great turn out.

David Scott

Social Committee

The re-invigorated social committee has met to brainstorm and discuss a few possible social events for the new calendar year. First off the ramp, is a fishing charter scheduled for Jan 12 at Westernport. The number is limited to 20 and at the time of writing 15 spots have already been taken so if you're interested, please see the flyer on the club social board asap. In the pipeline other events are being planned such as a gourmet curry night, car boot sale and trivia night. If any member has any ideas of new events which would appeal to club members and their guests, please don't hesitate to contact Clive Thomas, Mandy Carter or myself (Nigel).

New Members

Mark and Joanne Smiles
Belinda Johnson
Warwick Emery
Stephen and Lisa Gossip

Sunshine Lady

A Sympathy Card was sent to the family of Rod Dobell

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Changes to Club Website

Members may have noticed from 14/11 some changes to the club website (www.mooroolbark.bowls.com.au) that we hope will make navigation easier. The main change is that there is now a dedicated BOWLS button with all important bowls related information in the same place.

If using a computer, hover your mouse over the BOWLS button to see a dropdown menu with links to Weekend and Midweek Pennant, Championships, Tournaments, Social Bowls, Bowls Diary and Coach's Corner. If using a mobile, click the Arrow (>) next to BOWLS and you will see links to those pages.

The NEWS button, as previously, will have any updates from officers of the club. NEWSLETTERS are now moved to this button.

There may be further tweaks, so please look around and get familiar again with the navigation. If any problems, please contact the Webmaster JackieMacKay on mooroolbarkwebmaster@gmail.com. Thank you - Jackie

COACHES CORNER

The Drills team of Frank and Gerry have stopped setting them out on Mondays. Thank You so much for devoting your time and service to the Club members.

Henny's Tips

Can we make it any easier to know your role?

3 Things		
Leads	1	pick a hand, any hand, and stick to it
	2	roll jack the agreed length
	3	no short bowls
Seconds	1	back up the lead
	2	keep an accurate and tidy scorecard
	3	no short bowls
Thirds	1	get shot bowl
	2	if have shot cover or add
	3	gel with the skip
Skips	1	always always always look to have 2nd shot
	2	never ever be negative
	3	let your team in on your game plan



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Pink and Blue Day

A big Thank You to Don McKie and Beryl Turner for organizing this enjoyable day.

On Friday November 22nd, 42 players were in a competition to raise money for Breast Cancer and Prostrate Cancer Research. The event was sponsored by Mooroolbark Denture Clinic and Statewide Locksmith. The total amount raised was \$1102, including Green Fees, the Friday Jackpot Donation, the Raffle and Donations from Glenys Godkin, Steve Lawson, Helen Scott and Marg Tull.

Prizes given out:

2 Game Winners Loz/ Jen Carter

2 Game Winners R/U Jackie/ Ian Mackay

1st Game Draw Ken Reid/John Pickersgill

1st Game Draw Tom Kelly/Peter Orger

Friday Jackpot Bowls Winners Erica and Pius Bonjui.

Thank You to the many people who provided prizes for the Raffle. This included Ronald King, Woolworths, Kilsyth Club, Dan Murphy, Bakers Delight, Coles, Bunnings, Our Club, Jan Hendy, Jen Carter, MP Aaron Violi, Price Line, John Neagle, Judy Baker and Glennis Brown.

Our lovely ladies in the kitchen provided hot food, sandwiches and desserts. Thank You Sue Reid, Di Johnson,

Judy Baker, Glennis Brown and Beryl Turner who always help out on these special events.



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**Not sure why John is with the Kitchen helpers!!
Something to do with a pie squirting him!**



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Xmas Hampers – Absolutely beautiful! Thanks to Mandy Carter for making these up. Make sure you buy some tickets to win!

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Sunday Live Band Gig



Special Presentation to Gayle Faulkner at Sunday's Music Afternoon.

It was a marvellous day on Sunday with another live band afternoon. The club had well over 100 attend and again some new comers. It's been 12 months now since Drew Pallot, Jim Gray and myself, Gayle, got this going. Not one month has ever run at a loss. Thank you to Helena, Billy and Peter who work so hard behind the bar. Thank you also to the people who have given a helping hand on occasions. Thank you to Drew Pallot and Trevor Ford for always setting up the room. A

massive thank you to the club for the lovely flowers presented to me by Eric Atkinson and Dennis Botten. Thank you to Steve Rawlingson for always cleaning and putting the room back in order the day after. There will be no live band in December 2024. We will be back in January 2025, please see the flyer in the newsletter. Bookings have started coming in already, so be quick. Last but by no means least, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas from Drew, Jim and myself. Stay safe. Gayle



ROCK REVIVAL BAND
SUNDAY 19th of JANUARY
2-5pm

Rock revival are a Rock and Roll music cover band. Covering the greatest hit rock'n'roll anthems from the 60s to the 90s. Enjoy the memorable hits as they get you singing and dancing along!

\$10pp payable at the door

BFD food and nibbles.

Bar will be open to purchase drinks.

Chips and nuts available for purchase at the bar.

Name Registration Essential

Contact Gayle

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Monday Morning Crew

Seems like my time away has become a far distant memory, but it is good to be back. The usual gardening and mowing happening with the slightly warmer weather, the grass needs weekly attention.

We have had a few problems with the drive and blade belts for the ride on mower but have overcome the challenge and the only thing I have left over is a nice spring, however everything works, and I am sure we will figure out where it goes soon.

Dave Arnott did a great job in my absence, and I thank him very much. Also, Peter Taylor has joined the group and has been frantically working on the walk behind mowers and more importantly the score boards that were damaged when wheeling them in through the door.

I would also like to thank Loz Carter for coming back and assisting Gary Roberts, Steve Rawlingson and myself in cleaning the beer lines every fortnight. Also, Peter Orger is working on fabricating a stand for the long sought after windsock and I am sure you will notice it when completed.

We had a bit of a drama recently with the main water line into the building rupturing, flooding the entire under floor area of the clubhouse. This has been rectified and will require further attention in the near future as the copper pipe is quite corroded and needs replacement. So apart from the above everything is normal. Geoff

Garden Guru

Hi everyone, late Spring is a time of rapid growth in the garden, with fresh young shoots, leaves, buds and flowers on almost a daily basis. A few minutes spent training vines and tomatoes, pinch out any new shoots, leave top and next two side shoots only.

If you control weeds, snails and other pests now, it will pay dividends in Summer. What I like to do in Spring, is plant flower seeds willy-nilly around my garden and in Summer you will get a lovely surprise, because you will have forgotten about them.

If you missed planting vegies earlier in Spring, plant fast maturing crops for a quick Summer harvest. Beans, spring onions, lettuce, radish, zucchini, basil, chervil, and thyme can all be harvested in 60 days after planting.

Similarly, alyssum, cosmos, California Poppy and nasturtium grown from seed, will provide Summer blooms in about ten weeks.

Beyond your usual vegies, November is also ideal for planting sweet potato, ginger turmeric and galangal, adding exciting new flavours to your cooking and if you are feeling adventurous, you could even try growing dragon fruit.

If lace bug is present on your azaleas, treat by burying Confidor tablets around the plant. Lift tulips and store in a dark, dry place.

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